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1                   [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION  
2                   ON JANUARY 13, 2009, BEGINS ON PAGE 128.]

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7   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I'D LIKE TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER  
8   PLEASE AND WOULD ASK EVERYONE TO PLEASE RISE. WE WILL BE LED  
9   IN OUR INVOCATION BY THE REVEREND ZACH KINTNER, SHERMAN OAKS  
10  PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, AND FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE,  
11  WHICH WILL BE LED BY RODNEY SEXTON, A MEMBER OF THE UNITED  
12  STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS. REVEREND KINTNER?

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14  **REV. ZACHARY KINTNER:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. PLEASE JOIN ME  
15  IN PRAYER. LORD, WE ARE SO THANKFUL TO BE ABLE TO COME YOU  
16  THIS MORNING IN THIS PLACE. LORD, BE WITH OUR COUNTY BOARD OF  
17  SUPERVISORS AS THEY SEEK YOUR GUIDANCE IN MAKING DECISIONS  
18  THAT WILL AFFECT SO MANY. LORD, WE PRAY FOR YOUR HAND TO BE  
19  UPON EACH DECISION HERE, YOUR SPIRIT WOULD DWELL IN THIS PLACE  
20  THIS MORNING AS WE COME TO DO YOUR WORK IN OUR COUNTY. LORD, I  
21  PRAY FOR WISDOM. I PRAY FOR INSIGHT. GOD, WE ASK THAT YOU  
22  WOULD BE BETTER KNOWN AND YOUR WORK WOULD BE DONE THIS  
23  MORNING. IT IS A GREAT HONOR TO BE WITH YOU AS WE CARRY OUT  
24  THE WORK OF THIS COUNTY. WE ASK THAT YOU WOULD BE GLORIFIED  
25  THIS DAY. AMEN.



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2 **RODNEY D. SEXTON:** COULD EVERYONE PLEASE FACE THE FLAG? PLACE  
3 YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART. JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF  
4 ALLEGIANCE. BEGIN. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, THANK YOU. WE WERE LED IN  
9 PRAYER THIS MORNING BY REVEREND ZACHARY KINTNER WHO IS THE  
10 PASTOR OF SHERMAN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE HEART OF  
11 SHERMAN OAKS. REVEREND KINTNER GRADUATED FROM PEPPERDINE  
12 UNIVERSITY, BEFORE RECEIVING HIS MASTERS OF DIVINITY DEGREE  
13 FROM FULLER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY. HE SERVED AS YOUTH DIRECTOR  
14 AT VILLAGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN ARCADIA FOR FIVE YEARS AND  
15 WAS ONE OF THE FOUNDING MEMBERS OF THE ARCADIA YOUTH NETWORK.  
16 REVEREND KINTNER IS MARRIED AND HE AND HIS WIFE JUST WELCOMED  
17 THEIR FIRST DAUGHTER THIS PAST JUNE. SO THAT'S ONE  
18 CONGREGATION. AND THEN THERE'S THE CHURCH IS YOUR OTHER  
19 CONGREGATION. HEAVY BURDENS BOTH, BUT GREAT JOY, AS WELL. WE  
20 THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORDS THIS MORNING, REVEREND KINTNER, AND  
21 WE WISH YOU WELL IN SHERMAN OAKS AND IN THE SAN FERNANDO  
22 VALLEY IN GENERAL. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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1   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN. I AM  
2   PLEASED TO PRESENT THIS CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO RODNEY  
3   D. SEXTON. MANY OF US WILL KNOW US AS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED  
4   STATES DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS. SO MR. SEXTON, WE THANK  
5   YOU VERY MUCH FOR BEING WITH US THIS MORNING AND LEADING US IN  
6   THE SALUTE TO OUR NATION'S FLAG. MR. SEXTON? [APPLAUSE.]

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8   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE WILL BEGIN WITH READING THE AGENDA.

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10   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA  
11   ON PAGE 3. AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
12   COMMISSION, ITEMS 1-D THROUGH 3-D.

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14   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY THE CHAIR, SECONDED BY  
15   SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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17   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING  
18   AUTHORITY, ITEM 1-H.

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20   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.  
21   SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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23   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL PARK  
24   AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT.

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS,  
2    SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 6. ON  
5    ITEM NUMBER 1, THIS ALSO INCLUDES SUPERVISOR KNABE'S  
6    ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENT AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL  
7    AGENDA. ON ITEM NUMBER 2, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND  
8    SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT  
9    THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE REMAINING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU. AND  
10   THAT ALSO INCLUDES ITEM NUMBER 1.

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12   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ON NUMBER 2, IT WILL BE HELD FOR  
13   DISCUSSION. ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. THE  
14   CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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16   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS 7 THROUGH 38. ON  
17   ITEM NUMBER 7, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, THE CHIEF  
18   EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED THREE  
19   WEEKS TO FEBRUARY 3RD, 2009. THERE IS ALSO A REQUEST FROM A  
20   MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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22   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DO WE KNOW WHO THAT IS?

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24   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IT'S GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I DON'T KNOW IF GENEVIEVE IS HERE OR  
2    NOT?

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4    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SHE IS.

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6    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S BEING CONTINUED FEBRUARY 3RD SO  
7    THERE WON'T BE A REPORT. DO YOU WANT TO STILL SPEAK?

8

9    **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES.

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11    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IT WILL STILL BE HELD, THEN. IT WILL BE  
12    HELD FOR DISCUSSION AND THEN IT WILL BE CONTINUED.

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14    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER NINE--

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16    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SEVEN.

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18    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 9, SUPERVISOR MOLINA  
19    REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.

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21    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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23    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NUMBER 11, THIS INCLUDES THE REVISIONS  
24    AND AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM NUMBER





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1 12, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
2 CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO JANUARY 27TH, 2009.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** ON THIS ONE, COULD WE HOLD IT AND GET A  
5 CONTINUANCE? I NEED TO GET SOME INFORMATION.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON 12?

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9 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC ALSO  
12 REQUESTED THAT IT BE HELD.

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14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THEY TOOK THAT OFF.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE'LL HOLD IT FOR SUPERVISOR MOLINA WITH  
17 THE INTENT TO CONTINUE IT.

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19 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** EXCUSE ME. ONE QUICK THING. ON ITEM NUMBER 11,  
20 I HAVE SOME ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE I'D LIKE TO ADD.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IN ADDITION TO THE GREEN SHEET?

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1    **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** ONTO WHAT'S ON THE GREEN SHEET. I WANTED TO  
2    MAKE IT REAL CLEAR BECAUSE I'VE HAD SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS THAT  
3    WE'RE GOING TO STAY AT THE TARGET OF 2.8 MILLION.

4

5    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WE'LL HOLD IT AND THEN YOU CAN  
6    MAKE THOSE.

7

8    **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THAT WOULD BE GOOD, THANK YOU.

9

10   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE'LL HOLD 11 AND 12.

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12   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 14, SUPERVISOR KNABE  
13   REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NUMBER 15, THE CHIEF  
14   EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT RECOMMENDATION 2 ON THIS ITEM,  
15   WHICH IS TO AUTHORIZE THE INTERIM DIRECTOR TO EXTEND THE  
16   AGREEMENT ON A MONTH-TO-MONTH BASIS NOT TO EXCEED SIX MONTHS  
17   UNDER THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE AGREEMENT, BE  
18   DELETED FROM THIS RECOMMENDATION.

19

20   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHICH ITEM ARE YOU ON?

21

22   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 15? SO THE SECOND PORTION OF THE  
23   RECOMMENDATION BE DELETED FROM THE RECOMMENDATION. AND THE  
24   RECOMMENDATION WILL BE BEFORE YOUR BOARD WITH THE REMAINING  
25   CONSENT ITEMS.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHO MADE THAT RECOMMENDATION?

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** COULD WE JUST HOLD IT SO WE GET AN  
7 EXPLANATION?

8

9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** OKAY. ITEM NUMBER 15 WE WILL HOLD. ITEM  
10 NUMBER 17, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE  
11 DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED  
12 THREE WEEKS TO FEBRUARY 3RD, 2009.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

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16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 19, AS INDICATED ON THE  
17 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH REQUESTS  
18 THAT THIS BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO JANUARY 27TH, 2009.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 23, THERE IS A REQUEST FROM  
23 A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** HOLD.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER. 25, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY  
3 AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SO ORDERED.

6

7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT  
8 CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JUST, MR. CHAIRMAN, THE ONLY REASON I WAS  
11 HOLDING IT WAS THE SAME REASON I HELD LAST WEEK, IS TO TAKE  
12 THE 25 PERCENT CONTINGENCY, REDUCE IT TO 10 PERCENT. I DON'T  
13 WANT ALL THE STAFF TO GET ALL NERVOUS. THAT'S MY ONLY REASON.

14

15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE  
16 PUBLIC TO HOLD IT.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE SUPPORTED IT LAST WEEK, WE'LL DO THE  
19 SAME THIS WEEK. BUT WE'LL STILL HOLD IT.

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21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT  
22 CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
2    RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT  
3    OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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5    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE NOW ON PAGE 21, SEPARATE MATTERS.  
6    ITEMS 39 AND 40 AND I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLES IN FOR THE  
7    RECORD. ON ITEM NUMBER 39, THIS IS THE TREASURER AND TAX  
8    COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE  
9    ISSUANCE AND SALE OF TORRENS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL  
10    OBLIGATION BONDS ELECTION 2008 MEASURE Z SERIES 2009 IN  
11    AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$38 MILLION.

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13    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE CHAIR MOVES IT. SECONDED BY  
14    SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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16    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 40, THIS WAS THE TREASURER  
17    AND TAX COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION  
18    AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF TORRENS UNIFIED SCHOOL  
19    DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, ELECTION 2008, MEASURE Y,  
20    SERIES 2009 IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$64  
21    MILLION.

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23    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE CHAIR WILL MOVE IT. SECONDED BY  
24    SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 22, DISCUSSION ITEMS. ITEMS 41  
2 THROUGH 43. ON ITEM 41, WE WILL HOLD FOR A DISCUSSION. ON ITEM  
3 42, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE CHIEF  
4 EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE TAKEN OFF  
5 CALENDAR.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 43--

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHICH ITEM WAS THAT?

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** 42.

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15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 43, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED  
16 AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
17 CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO JANUARY 27TH, 2009.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

20

21 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH  
22 WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS  
23 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, ITEM 44-A?

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE CHAIR WILL MOVE THAT. SECONDED BY  
2    SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 44-B.

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6    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. THE  
7    CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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9    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 44-C.

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11    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SECONDED  
12    BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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14    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 44-D.

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16    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SECONDED  
17    BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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19    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON 44-E. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND  
20    SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.

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22    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

23

24    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.

25    BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL



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1 DISTRICT NUMBER 3. MR. YAROSLAVSKY, IF YOU DON'T MIND, WE DO  
2 HAVE ONE PRESENTATION. I THINK THERE WAS SOME \_\_\_\_\_. THEY  
3 NEED TO GO ON. WE'RE GOING TO ASK SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.  
4 AND THEN WE'LL COME RIGHT BACK TO YOU, ZEV. I BELIEVE  
5 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, A GOOD FRIEND, MR. FURNELL CHATMAN.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN.  
8 COLLEAGUES, I'M PLEASED TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CALL  
9 FORWARD ONE WHO WE ALL RECOGNIZE AS A VETERAN IN THE FIELD OF  
10 BROADCAST JOURNALISM. WE KNOW HIM AS THE ONE AND ONLY FURNELL  
11 CHATMAN. SO LET'S WELCOME HIM TO THE PODIUM AND GIVE HIM A BIG  
12 ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.]

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** HE'S HERE. I THINK HE'S IN THE BACK  
15 ROOM. DOING A BREAKING NEWS STORY. [LAUGHTER.] OH, THERE HE  
16 IS.

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MR. PRESIDENT-- MR.  
19 CHAIRMAN, I'M SORRY. AND TO MY COLLEAGUES, FURNELL CHATMAN IS  
20 CERTAINLY NO STRANGER TO US, NOR IS HE A STRANGER TO THE FIELD  
21 IN WHICH HE HAS LABORED FOR NOW SOME 40 YEARS. A NATIVE OF  
22 LOUISIANA, AN HONORS STUDENT AT THE GREAT UNIVERSITY WE KNOW  
23 AS XAVIER. HE BEGAN HIS CAREER AS A YOUNG MAN IN NEW ORLEANS.  
24 AT THAT STATION WE KNOW AS W.B.U.E. T.V. AS A WEEKEND MONITOR  
25 AND DESK ASSISTANT. FROM THERE HE ROSE TO BECOME A REPORTER



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1 AND THEN ANCHOR. IN 1976 HE JOINED K.N.B.C. T.V. WHERE HE HAS  
2 BEEN AN ASSET FOR SOME 30 PLUS YEARS. FURNELL CHATMAN IS AN  
3 AWARD-WINNING BROADCAST JOURNALIST WHO HAS BEEN HONORED BY THE  
4 ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE EMMYS,  
5 GREATER UNITED STATES PRESS CLUB, THE OHIO ASSOCIATED PRESS  
6 CLUB AND THE GREATER NEW ORLEANS PRESS CLUB, JUST TO NAME A  
7 FEW. FURNELL HAS GIVEN HIS TIME TO THIS BOARD, THIS COUNTY  
8 QUITE GRACIOUSLY OVER THE YEARS, SERVING AS MASTER OF  
9 CEREMONIES FOR COMMUNITY EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS  
10 ANGELES AND AT MANY OF THE ANNUAL EVENTS, PARTICULARLY  
11 SALUTING VOLUNTEERS IN THIS JURISDICTION. AND SO AS WE  
12 CELEBRATE THE OBSERVANCE OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING'S BIRTH, WE  
13 CELEBRATE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF FURNELL CHATMAN. IT WAS IN 1981  
14 WHEN I BECAME THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN  
15 LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE HERE IN LOS ANGELES, THE ORGANIZATION  
16 FOUNDED BY DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, THAT FURNELL CHATMAN WAS  
17 ALREADY AT N.B.C. WORKING VERY EFFECTIVELY. AND TODAY IT'S  
18 APPROPRIATE TO ACKNOWLEDGE HIM AS A TRAILBLAZER, WHO INDEED  
19 BROKE RACIAL BARRIERS AND TELEVISION NEWS AND DEFEATED THE  
20 ODDS AS THEY WERE, AND WHILE REMAINING DEDICATED TO HIS CRAFT,  
21 TO HIS TRADITION AND MAKING HIS MARK IN THIS REGION. SO IT'S  
22 WITH A GREAT SENSE OF PLEASURE AND PRIDE THAT WE TAKE THIS  
23 OPPORTUNITY TO ACKNOWLEDGE YOU, FURNELL, FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE  
24 FOR YOUR FIELD OF ENDEAVOR AND THE OUTSTANDING CAREER  
25 ACHIEVEMENTS THAT YOU'VE ALREADY EXPERIENCED. AND WE WISH TO



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1 EXTEND TO YOU OUR BEST WISHES AS YOU RETURN HOME IN YOUR  
2 RETIREMENT BACK TO THAT GREAT PLACE THAT MANY OF US KNOW AS  
3 NEW ORLEANS. AND I WOULD LIKE NOW TO ACKNOWLEDGE SUPERVISOR  
4 ANTONOVICH TO MAKE HIS COMMENTS. AND WE WILL THEN PRESENT THE  
5 SCROLL ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRETY OF THE BOARD. MR. ANTONOVICH?

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. IT IS A BIT OF SADNESS  
8 BECAUSE WE'RE ALSO LOSING A CONSTITUENT. AND IT'S VERY  
9 IMPORTANT TO HAVE PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY WHO ARE INVOLVED,  
10 BOTH IN THEIR PROFESSION AND IN THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD. FURNELL  
11 HAS BEEN ONE WHO HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN HIS NEIGHBORHOOD AND HIS  
12 COMMUNITY AND GIVING THAT PROFESSIONALISM ON THE AIR,  
13 REPORTING THE NEWS IN A FAIR MANNER AND BEING INVOLVED. HE'S  
14 EMCEED MANY OF OUR COMMUNITY EVENTS AND MANY OF OUR COUNTY  
15 EVENTS, AS WELL, WHEN WE'VE HONORED INDIVIDUALS IN COMMUNITY  
16 ORGANIZATIONS. BUT IT'S GOING TO BE LOUISIANA'S GAIN AND OUR  
17 LOSS. YOU GOT A NEW GOVERNOR IN LOUISIANA, AND I KNOW THAT  
18 YOU'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO GET INVOLVED AND STAY INVOLVED. BUT  
19 WE WANT YOU TO KEEP YOUR HOME IN ALTADENA. WE DON'T WANT YOU  
20 TO MOVE. WE WANT YOU TO STAY THERE BECAUSE WE GOT A GREAT TOWN  
21 COUNCIL. WE HAVE A GREAT COMMUNITY, THEY BENEFITED FROM YOUR  
22 PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT. SO IF YOU COULD SOMEHOW KEEP A LITTLE  
23 TOE IN ALTADENA, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND ANOTHER FOOT IN  
24 LOUISIANA, THAT WOULD BE A BENEFIT TO BOTH STATES, BOTH  
25 REGIONS, BOTH COMMUNITIES. YOU'VE BEEN A VERY GOOD ROLE MODEL



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1 FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. WE'RE GOING TO MISS YOU VERY MUCH.

2 [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO, FURNELL, ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRETY OF  
5 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, WE PROUDLY  
6 PRESENT YOU WITH THIS PROCLAMATION, THIS SCROLL THAT  
7 ESSENTIALLY ACKNOWLEDGES ALL THAT YOU HAVE DONE FOR THE COUNTY  
8 OF LOS ANGELES, THAT WHICH YOU ARE DOING RIGHT NOW, AND THOSE  
9 THINGS PURSUANT TO MR. ANTONOVICH'S INSTRUCTIONS YOU WILL BE  
10 DOING IN THE FUTURE. SO WE SAY TO YOU COLLECTIVELY,  
11 CONGRATULATIONS, AND ALL THE BEST AND GODSPEED TO YOU.

12 [APPLAUSE.]

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WHILE YOU ARE POSING FOR THAT FIRST  
15 PHOTO THERE, I WOULD JUST ADD. I THINK WE ALL HAVE OUR FURNELL  
16 STORIES BUT HE'S JUST BEEN AN ABSOLUTE JOY TO WORK WITH AND A  
17 CLASS ACT. WE'VE HAD SOME GREAT HISTORY HERE IN THIS COUNTY  
18 FROM STAN CHAMBERS TO JESS MARLOW. FURNELL CHATMAN STILL IS  
19 ONE OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS, TOO. SO WE APPRECIATE ALL THAT HE'S  
20 DONE WE WISH HIM GODSPEED IN HIS NEW ENDEAVORS.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IF I CAN ADD, I HAVE MY  
23 FURNELL CHATMAN STORIES ALSO BUT THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS  
24 HAS NOT ELAPSED YET SO I CAN'T DISCUSS THEM PUBLICLY.

25 [LAUGHTER.] YOU KNOW, I WAS THINKING ABOUT IT WHEN I WAS



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1 DRIVING IN THIS MORNING AND WHEN I HEARD THE NEWS THAT YOU  
2 WERE RETIRING FROM CHANNEL 4, ONE WORD THAT I ASSOCIATE WITH  
3 YOU IS: PRO. YOU'RE JUST A PROFESSIONAL JOURNALIST. YOU CALL  
4 THEM AS YOU SEE THEM. YOU CALL THEM AS THEY HAPPEN. YOU'VE  
5 ALWAYS BEEN FAIR IN ALL OF YOUR COVERAGE. EVEN WHEN IT'S BEEN  
6 AT MY EXPENSE, IT WAS FAIR. AND IT WASN'T VERY OFTEN.  
7 [LAUGHTER.] I'VE GOTTEN HOOKED ON YOU AS THE WEEKEND ANCHOR ON  
8 CHANNEL 4 AND YOUR REPORTING ON BREAKING NEWS ALL OVER THIS  
9 REGION FOR ALL THESE YEARS. YOU'VE BEEN HERE ALMOST AS LONG AS  
10 I HAVE, THAT'S AN AWFULLY LONG TIME. AND THIS TOWN IS LOSING A  
11 LOT OF QUALITY JOURNALISTS, BOTH PRINT AND TELEVISION/RADIO.  
12 AND YOU ARE AT THE TOP OF THAT LIST. AND I AM REALLY NOT HAPPY  
13 THAT YOU ARE LEAVING. I'M HAPPY FOR YOU, BUT REAL SAD FOR THE  
14 REST OF US. THANK YOU FOR A CAREER WELL DONE HERE IN L.A. ON  
15 BEHALF OF ALL OF US, FURNELL. [APPLAUSE.]

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT'S SAD BUT IT'S ALSO BEEN A PLEASURE TO WORK  
18 WITH FURNELL FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. I THINK WHAT HE DOES IN  
19 REPORTING, IS HE EMBODIES WHAT I THINK [INAUDIBLE] WHEN HE  
20 TALKS ABOUT IT, WHEN YOU WATCH HIM ON T.V., YOU TRUST THIS MAN  
21 AND WHAT HE'S SAYING. I THINK THAT'S A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF  
22 THE RESPONSIBILITY OF A JOURNALIST. AND I REALLY APPRECIATE  
23 YOUR INTEGRITY AND CERTAINLY YOUR EFFORT. BUT REALLY WORKING  
24 ON ALL OF THOSE IMPORTANT STORIES THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO ALL OF  
25 US IN THE COMMUNITY. YOU SHOULD RETIRE WITH TREMENDOUS PRIDE





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1 THAT ALL OF US HAVE SUCH TREMENDOUS RESPECT FOR YOU.

2 CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR MOLINA,  
5 MR. CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES. NOW A WORD FROM FURNELL CHATMAN.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I THOUGHT YOU WOULD SAY NOW A WORD FROM  
8 OUR SPONSORS. [LAUGHTER.]

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALMOST. [LAUGHTER.]

11

12 **FURNELL CHATMAN:** WELL, SO THIS IS WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO BE ON  
13 THE OTHER SIDE OF THE CAMERA, I GUESS. A LITTLE BIT STRANGE.  
14 THIS IS A VERY HUMBLING TIME FOR ME. I CAN'T SAY THANK YOU  
15 ENOUGH FOR THE RECOGNITION. YOU KNOW OUR BUSINESS IS DRIFTING,  
16 IT SEEMS TO WHAT SOME ARE CALLING ADVOCACY JOURNALISM. I DON'T  
17 LIKE IT. I DON'T SUBSCRIBE TO IT. I'D RATHER JUST TELL IT  
18 STRAIGHT, TELL IT LIKE IT IS, AND LET THE CHIPS FALL. IN SPITE  
19 OF THAT, I'D LIKE YOU TO INDULGE ME FOR JUST A MOMENT IF YOU  
20 COULD, BECAUSE FOR A CHANGE, I CAN NOW SPEAK AS FURNELL  
21 CHATMAN, PRIVATE CITIZEN, AS OPPOSED TO FURNELL CHATMAN, NEWS  
22 REPORTER. AND THE INDULGENCE I WOULD LIKE IS TO CALL UPON THIS  
23 BOARD TO GEL, TO MOLD, TO COME TOGETHER AND GET KING HOSPITAL  
24 OPENED. IT IS SOMETHING THAT IS DESPERATELY NEEDED. THERE ARE  
25 PEOPLE OUT IN THE COMMUNITY WHO ARE IN PAIN, THEY'RE HURTING.



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1 AND THEY NEED YOUR HELP. YOU ARE FIVE OF THE MOST TALENTED AND  
2 POWERFUL LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS IN THIS COUNTRY. AND IF  
3 ANYBODY CAN GET THAT HOSPITAL OPEN AGAIN, YOU CAN. I URGE YOU  
4 TO DO THAT. AND I URGE YOU TO DO THAT QUICKLY. WHATEVER THE  
5 OBSTACLES, BE THEY LOCAL, STATE, FEDERAL, I KNOW THAT YOU CAN  
6 OVERCOME THEM. SO I IMPORE YOU: PLEASE GET THAT DONE. NOT  
7 JUST FOR THE PEOPLE WHO ARE IN THAT COMMUNITY WHO OBVIOUSLY  
8 DON'T ENJOY YOUR LIFESTYLE, BUT FOR ALL OF THE PEOPLE OF  
9 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, THAT HOSPITAL IS A MAJOR HOLE, AS YOU  
10 WELL KNOW, IN L.A. COUNTY'S PUBLIC SAFETY NET. AND THAT HOLE  
11 NEEDS TO BE PLUGGED AND PLUGGED QUICKLY. THIS IS SO  
12 BITTERSWEET FOR ME. THERE IS A WELL-KNOWN THERAPIST-COUNSELOR  
13 WHO ONCE SAID, "AND THERE YOU HAVE IT." WELL, THAT'S WHAT I'M  
14 SAYING NOW. THERE IT IS, YOU HAVE IT. I HAVE ENJOYED 40 YEARS  
15 OF A VERY BUSY CAREER. I WANT TO THANK K.N.B.C. FOR THE  
16 OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THIS COMMUNITY FOR LO, THESE MANY YEARS.  
17 PARTICULARLY BOB LONG, WHO IS STANDING HERE WITH ME NOW, MY  
18 FORMER NEWS DIRECTOR. I WANT TO THANK YOU, BOARD MEMBERS, FOR  
19 KEEPING YOUR DOORS OPEN TO ME OVER THE YEARS. PARTICULARLY  
20 WHEN I CAME KNOCKING EVEN WITH QUESTIONS AT TIMES WHICH  
21 WEREN'T EXACTLY FLATTERING. I MUST ALSO SAY I MOST APPRECIATE  
22 THE CIVILITY THAT I'VE ENJOYED WITH MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD. I  
23 WANT TO THANK YOU SO MUCH. I AM GOING TO NEW ORLEANS, YES. BUT  
24 MUCH OF MY HEART WILL BE RIGHT HERE IN LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU  
25 AGAIN FOR THIS RECOGNITION. [APPLAUSE.]



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2 **FURNELL CHATMAN:** THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ZEV?

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, THANK YOU. I HAVE A VERY  
7 SPECIAL PRIVILEGE THIS MORNING TO INTRODUCE AND WELCOME AND  
8 HONOR TWO INDIVIDUALS FROM OUR DISTRICT IN MALIBU, MIKE DWYER  
9 AND JASON SANDOVAL. CAN THEY COME UP HERE? THERE THEY ARE.  
10 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, ON OCTOBER 7TH  
11 THIS PAST YEAR, JASON SANDOVAL AND MIKE DWYER, BOTH EMPLOYEES  
12 OF THE MALIBU OFFICE OF JACK SPECIFIC, A TOY COMPANY KNOWN FOR  
13 ITS LINE OF ACTION HERO FIGURES, WITNESSED A SMALL PRIVATE  
14 PLANE CRASH IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN. THEY WERE THE FIRST  
15 RESPONDERS. THESE TWO GENTLEMEN WERE THE FIRST RESPONDERS WHO  
16 RACED TO THE RESCUE OF THE TWO PILOTS, GRIF HORNER AND MARK  
17 WALKER, DESPITE BEING DRESSED IN FULL BUSINESS ATTIRE. JASON  
18 SANDOVAL DARTED ACROSS PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY AT THE PEAK OF  
19 AFTERNOON TRAFFIC, PROBABLY A BIGGER RISK THAN GOING INTO THE  
20 WATER WITH YOUR BUSINESS CLOTHES ON, GRABBED HIS SURFBOARD,  
21 AND PADDLED OUT TO THE SIDE OF THE CRASH 50 YARDS OFFSHORE.  
22 MIKE DWYER, DESPITE A FEAR OF THE WATER, WAS GIVEN A LIFE  
23 JACKET BY A HELPFUL BYSTANDER AND SWAM OUT TO THE VICTIMS.  
24 BOTH WERE SUFFERING FROM SHOCK AS WELL AS THEIR INJURIES, AND  
25 WERE CLINGING TO THE WING OF A DOWNED SKY ARROW 600 SPORT



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1 AIRPLANE. UNFORTUNATELY, MR. HORNER SUCCUMBED TO HIS INJURIES  
2 TWO WEEKS LATER, BUT WALKER SURVIVED, THANKS TO THE TIMELY  
3 INTERVENTION OF THESE TWO REAL LIFE ACTION HEROES. YOU KNOW,  
4 WE OFTEN SAY ABOUT PEOPLE WHO HAVE DONE EXTRAORDINARY THINGS,  
5 IS THAT ORDINARY PEOPLE ARE CAPABLE OF DOING EXTRAORDINARY  
6 THINGS. AND INDEED THAT WAS THE CASE IN OCTOBER OF THIS PAST  
7 YEAR. AND WHEN I HEARD ABOUT THIS, I THINK WE ALL SAW IT ON  
8 THE NEWS AND READ ABOUT IT IN THE NEWSPAPERS, I WANTED TO MAKE  
9 SURE THAT THIS BOARD HONORED YOU. AND ALL FIVE OF US HAVE  
10 SIGNED THESE PROCLAMATIONS, TO JASON AND TO MIKE, FOR THEIR  
11 EXTRAORDINARY COURAGE, PRESENCE OF MIND AND COURAGE IN SAVING  
12 TWO PEOPLE, ONE OF THEM DIDN'T MAKE IT AFTER TWO WEEKS, BUT  
13 SAVING THE OTHER ONE TO WHOM HE OWES HIS LIFE TO BOTH OF YOU.  
14 AND THE ENTIRE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES OWES BOTH OF YOU AN  
15 EXTRAORDINARY DEBT OF GRATITUDE. AND WE THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU  
16 DID. AND WE THANK YOU FOR BEING GREAT CITIZENS OF OUR COUNTY  
17 AND OF MALIBU. SO LET ME PRESENT THIS TO YOU. JASON? MIKE? AND  
18 I'D LIKE TO ASK EACH OF YOU TO SAY A COUPLE WORDS IF YOU'D  
19 LIKE. [APPLAUSE.]

20

21 **MARK DWYER:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND WORDS. I ONLY WISH THAT  
22 GRIFFEY WERE HERE, AS WELL. WE DID WHAT WE COULD THAT DAY. WE  
23 DID WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE. AND WE DID NOTHING MORE THAN  
24 WHAT OUR UNIFORMED PEOPLE DO EVERY DAY, OUR POLICE AND OUR  
25 FIREMEN AND OUR LIFEGUARDS WHO DO THIS EVERY SINGLE DAY. SO MY



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1 HATS GO OFF TO THEM, WHO ALSO PARTICIPATED IN THIS. THANK YOU  
2 FOR THE RECOGNITION BECAUSE NOW MY BOSS WILL NO LONGER  
3 QUESTION WHY I WAS AT WORK LOOKING OUT THE WINDOW. SO I  
4 APPRECIATE IT VERY, VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **JASON SANDOVAL:** THANK YOU FOR THE PROCLAMATION AND THE  
7 RECOGNITION [APPLAUSE.]

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'RE WELCOME. CONGRATULATIONS. NOW  
10 IT'S MY PLEASURE TO CALL UP A VERY GOOD FRIEND, BOB MALONE,  
11 WHO IS PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN OF B.P. AMERICA. HE'S RIGHT HERE  
12 WITH ME. THERE, I KNEW. I LOOKED UP AND SAID, "WHERE'D HE GO?"  
13 BOB IS B.P.'S CHIEF REPRESENTATIVE HERE IN THE UNITED STATES  
14 AND IS BASED IN HOUSTON, TEXAS, WHERE AS WE ALL KNOW B.P.'S  
15 VERY INVOLVED IN OIL AND NATURAL GAS EXPLORATION AND  
16 PRODUCTION, REFINING SUPPLY AND TRADING, PIPELINE OPERATIONS,  
17 SHIPPING, ALTERNATIVE ENERGY. HE'S ALSO A MEMBER OF B.P.'S  
18 MANAGEMENT TEAM. BOB BECAME THE WESTERN REGIONAL PRESIDENT FOR  
19 B.P. IN 2002 WHERE AFTER WORKING AS ITS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF  
20 SHIPPING LIMITED, RESPONSIBLE FOR B.P.'S GLOBAL OPERATIONS. HE  
21 WAS APPOINTED INTO HIS CURRENT ROLE AS CHAIRMAN AND PRESIDENT  
22 IN 2006 AND WAS ALSO NAMED EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF B.P.  
23 P.L.C. AND A MEMBER OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. SO BOB  
24 IS GOING TO BE LEAVING B.P. AND RETIRING AS OF FEBRUARY 1ST,  
25 AND WE WANTED TO GIVE HIM A LITTLE FOND FAREWELL. I THINK



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1 PERSONALLY BOB HAS BEEN A VERY GOOD FRIEND OVER THE YEARS. HE  
2 IS ONE OF THOSE GREAT CORPORATE CITIZENS. B.P. IS A GREAT  
3 CORPORATE CITIZEN. WHEN THERE HAS BEEN A NEED IN OUR  
4 COMMUNITIES HERE THROUGHOUT ALL OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE  
5 REGION AND THE STATE AND THE NATION, BOB AND THE B.P. TEAM  
6 HAVE BEEN THERE TO HELP US OUT. SO, BOB, WE HAVE HERE ALL FIVE  
7 MEMBERS IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO B.P., BUT I  
8 THINK WE ALSO WANT TO SAY YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITIZENS  
9 OF OUR COUNTY, OUR STATE AND OUR NATION THAT YOU'VE DONE ON  
10 BEHALF OF B.P. SO WE WANT TO THANK YOU, WISH YOU THE BEST AND  
11 GODSPEED, YOU AND DIANE, AND ENJOY THAT RANCH. [APPLAUSE.]

12

13 **ROBERT MALONE:** WELL THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'M HUMBLLED AND I'M  
14 DEEPLY HONORED BY THIS RECOGNITION. I FIRST CAME TO CALIFORNIA  
15 RUNNING SOME BUSINESSES HERE IN YOUR DISTRICT, SUPERVISOR. AND  
16 I LIVED HERE FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. AND I THINK THE MOST  
17 IMPORTANT THING AS I LEAVE IS THAT WE'VE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY--  
18 AND I'VE BEEN BLESSED TO WORK FOR A COMPANY LIKE B.P., AND TO  
19 BE DEEPLY INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY. AND ONE OF THE THINGS  
20 THAT I'VE ALWAYS TOLD MY EMPLOYEES IS: THIS IS YOUR HOME. AND  
21 IT'S CORPORATION'S OBLIGATION TO SUPPORT PEOPLE IN THEIR HOME  
22 IN THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY. SO I THANK YOU FOR THIS. AND  
23 I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO DOING A LITTLE CATTLE RANCHING AND  
24 BEING ABLE TO TALK TO MY COWS. IT WILL BE A LOT BETTER THAN





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1 TESTIFYING ON GASOLINE BEFORE THE UNITED STATES SENATE. SO  
2 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MIKE?

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW IT'S OUR PLEASURE TO BRING UP TO THE  
7 BOARD THE MEMBERS OF THE SAUGUS HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS CROSS  
8 COUNTRY TEAM, NATIONAL CHAMPIONS. WE HAVE BILL BOLDE, THE  
9 PRINCIPAL. WE HAVE RENE PARAGAS, THE HEAD COACH, CATHERINE  
10 NELSON, ASSISTANT COACH, KAYLIN MAHONEY, ANNE RANDALL KERI  
11 MOLT, AMBER MURAKAMI, KARIS FRANKIAN, COURTNEY WILSON AND  
12 DANIELLE HERNANDO. THIS IS IN RECOGNITION OF A GIRL'S CROSS  
13 COUNTRY TEAM PLACING FIRST AT THE 2008 C.I.F. DIVISION II  
14 CROSS COUNTRY. THE TEAM MADE A BOLD STATEMENT WITH THEIR FEAT  
15 AND DOMINANT PERFORMANCE. THEY WILL BE A POWER HOUSE IN THE  
16 SPORT OF CROSS COUNTRY AS THE TEAM CAPTURED THE C.I.F  
17 .CHAMPIONSHIP AT THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR, PLACING SECOND AT  
18 THE NIKE CROSS NATIONALS. ADDING MORE EMPHASIS, SOPHOMORE  
19 RUNNER, KAYLIN MAHONEY, BECAME THE SECOND SAUGUS RUNNER IN THE  
20 LAST FOUR YEARS TO CLAIM AN INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP. THE  
21 PROCLAMATION IS CLEAR, THAT THE TEAM AFTER BEATING ITS OWN  
22 STATE MARK BY RUNNING 90 MINUTES 6 SECONDS AND DEFEATING ITS  
23 NEXT CLOSEST RIVAL BY 109 POINTS, IS THE GREATEST GIRLS' CROSS  
24 COUNTRY TEAM IN CALIFORNIA'S HISTORY. TAKING A STEP BEYOND,  
25 OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS, THE SAUGUS GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY



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1 PROGRAM BETWEEN 2006 AND 2008 JOINS, IS THE ARGUMENT, ONE OF  
2 THE GREATEST IN THE HISTORY OF SANTA CLARITA ATHLETICS, WHICH  
3 INCLUDED THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP, VALENCIA BOYS' VOLLEYBALL  
4 TEAM OF 2008. WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU. WE ALL GAVE YOU  
5 SCROLLS. WE HAVE THIS PLAQUE IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR GREAT  
6 ACCOMPLISHMENT. SOLID GOLD. NO. [LAUGHTER.]

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THEY'RE TRYING TO SNEAK OUT. COME HERE.

9

10 **BILL BOLDE:** IT'S AN EXTREME PRIVILEGE AND A GREAT HONOR FOR US  
11 TO BE HERE TODAY. YOU KNOW, ALL DURING THE YEAR, WE AS A TEAM,  
12 AS A FAMILY, HAVE EXPERIENCED QUITE A FEW EMOTIONS. AND TO WIN  
13 A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP ONCE IS AN UNBELIEVABLE ACCOMPLISHMENT.  
14 TO DO IT THREE TIMES IN A ROW IS JUST SUPERHUMAN. IT TAKES A  
15 LOT OF DEDICATION, A LOT OF COMMITMENT. AND I CAN CERTAINLY  
16 TELL YOU THAT THESE YOUNG LADIES HERE HAVE THAT DRIVE AND HAVE  
17 THAT COMMITMENT AND I'M SO VERY PROUD OF THEM. MOST PEOPLE  
18 CAN'T EVEN FATHOM WHAT IT'S LIKE TO RUN 70 MILES A WEEK PLUS,  
19 TO GET READY FOR THEIR EVENTS. BUT I THINK OF ALL THE THINGS  
20 I'M MOST PROUD OF THESE YOUNG LADIES IS NOT BECAUSE OF THE  
21 BLUE RIBBONS THEY WIN AND THE TROPHIES THEY BRING HOME AND THE  
22 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS THAT THEY ARE COLLECTING, BUT IT'S BECAUSE  
23 OF WHAT THEY DO IN THE CLASSROOM AND IN THE COMMUNITY, BECAUSE  
24 THEY KNOW THAT THE ROAD TO SUCCESS IS NOT JUST DONE ON THEIR  
25 FEET, IT'S DONE WITH THEIR HEARTS AND IT'S DONE WITH THEIR



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1 MINDS. AND I'M VERY GRATEFUL FOR THAT. BUT THERE'S ONE THING  
2 THAT REALLY DRIVES THAT. AND I CAN ONLY INTRODUCE OUR COACH IN  
3 ONE WAY. THERE'S A GUY WHO REALLY WAS SPECIAL TO ME AS I WAS  
4 GROWING UP, HIS NAME IS JOHN WOODEN. U.C.L.A.'S BASKETBALL  
5 COACH. AND HE SAID ONE TIME-- AND I DON'T FORGET IT-- NO  
6 WRITTEN WORD, NOR SPOKEN PLEA CAN TEACH OUR YOUTH WHAT THEY  
7 CAN BE. NOR ALL THE BOOKS ON ALL THE SHELVES, IT'S WHAT THE  
8 TEACHERS ARE THEMSELVES. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE SMARTEST  
9 MOVE I EVER MADE AS PRINCIPAL OF SAUGUS HIGH SCHOOL WAS HIRING  
10 A GUY THAT WAS NOT ONLY AN ABSOLUTELY WONDERFUL COACH OF CROSS  
11 COUNTRY AND TAUGHT RUNNING SKILLS, BUT A GUY WHO WORKS WITH  
12 BUILDING LIFE SKILLS IN HIS STUDENTS IN THE CLASSROOM, AS  
13 WELL, RENE PARAGAS. [APPLAUSE.]

14

15 **RENE PARAGAS:** I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT I'M VERY HUMBLLED TO BE  
16 HERE, AND THANK YOU FOR THE HONOR, AND MR. BOLDE'S VERY KIND  
17 WORDS. FINALLY, JUST THESE ARE TRUE STUDENT ATHLETES. AND THEY  
18 WORK EXTREMELY HARD NOT ONLY, AS MR. BOLDE SAID, OUT IN THE  
19 ROADS BUT IN THE CLASSROOM. BUT WE'VE BEEN GIVEN THE  
20 OPPORTUNITY, THEY'RE WILLING TO WORK HARD IF THEY HAVE THE  
21 OPPORTUNITY, AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT'S REALLY HELPED US IS  
22 THERE'S ALL THESE OPEN AREAS FOR US TO TRAIN IN SANTA CLARITA,  
23 THESE PARKS, THESE TALDE CANYONS. I KNOW, MR. ANTONOVICH,  
24 YOU'VE BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN THAT ONE DAY WE CAME THROUGH THE  
25 PLACE CERRITA CANYON, AND THERE WAS LIKE A TRAIL RIDE THAT YOU



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1 WERE SPONSORING. AND THEY WERE GRACIOUS ENOUGH TO LET US GET  
2 IN THERE AND RUN BEFORE AND GET OUR WORKOUT IN. SO THAT HAS  
3 HELPED A LOT. SO THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I THINK YOU'RE RIDING ON THE NEXT TRAIL RIDE.  
6 CONGRATULATIONS. HAPPY NEW YEAR. SEE YOU NEXT YEAR FOR THE  
7 FOURTH. WELL TODAY WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE MONGOLIAN  
8 GOVERNMENT WHO ARE CELEBRATING THEIR 17TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
9 PASSING A CONSTITUTION OF JANUARY 13TH, 1992. WITH US IS DAVA  
10 DAMNEN, MEMBERS OF THE LOS ANGELES MONGOLIAN ASSOCIATION,  
11 MONJI BATMUNAKU, MONZU DANDEN BAZAR. AND LIKE OUR OWN  
12 CONSTITUTION, WHICH HELPED GUIDE OUR NATION THROUGH OUR  
13 GREATEST AND DARKEST MOMENTS OF HISTORY, A PREAMBLE WHICH LAYS  
14 OUT THE FUNDAMENTAL PURPOSES AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF THE  
15 CONSTITUTION IT'S MEANT TO SERVE. THIS IS WHAT THE MONGOLIAN  
16 CONSTITUTION PREAMBLE STATES. "WE, THE PEOPLE OF MONGOLIA,  
17 STRENGTHENING THE INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY OF THE NATION,  
18 CHERISHING HUMAN RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS, JUSTICE AND NATIONAL  
19 UNITY, INHERITING THE TRADITIONS OF NATIONAL STATEHOOD,  
20 HISTORY AND CULTURE, RESPECTING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF HUMAN  
21 CIVILIZATION AND ASPIRING TOWARD THE SUPREME OBJECTIVE OF A  
22 HUMANE, CIVIL, DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY IN THE COUNTRY, HEREBY  
23 PROCLAIM THE CONSTITUTION OF MONGOLIA." THIS CONSTITUTION  
24 ESTABLISHED MONGOLIA AS AN INDEPENDENT, SOVEREIGN REPUBLIC AND  
25 GUARANTEED A NUMBER OF RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS. IT ALSO



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1 RESTRUCTURED THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF THEIR GOVERNMENT,  
2 CREATING A UNICAMERAL LEGISLATURE AS WELL AS AN OFFICE OF THE  
3 PRESIDENT AND THE JUDICIAL BRANCH. SO WE WANT TO WISH OUR  
4 FRIENDS CONGRATULATIONS. AND AS WE'RE ENTERING THE YEAR OF THE  
5 OX ON JANUARY 26TH, A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR, AS WELL. SO LET US  
6 TAKE A PICTURE AND THEN WE COULD SAY A FEW WORDS.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE ARE MONGOLIAN COMMUNITY IN  
9 LOS ANGELES, 2,000 OF US, AND WE HAVE LOS ANGELES MONGOLIAN  
10 COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION THERE FOR OUR SMALL COMMUNITY. AND WE  
11 REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR RECOGNITION, AND WE WILL PUT OUR EFFORT  
12 TO WORK FOR OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND WE REALLY  
13 APPRECIATE YOUR HONOR. WE HAVE ALSO A LETTER FROM WASHINGTON  
14 MONGOLIAN CONSULATE.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** I'D JUST LIKE TO THANK YOU TO EVERYONE. THIS IS SUCH  
17 AN HONOR TO OUR COMMUNITY. AND I HAVE A LETTER FROM THE  
18 MONGOLIAN GENERAL CONSUL TO THE UNITED STATES IN WASHINGTON,  
19 D.C. "IN RECOGNITION OF THE SYMPATHY AND KINDNESS GRACIOUSLY  
20 SHARED WITH THE MONGOLIAN COMMUNITY IN LOS ANGELES,  
21 CALIFORNIA, THE EMBASSY OF MONGOLIA IN THE UNITED STATES  
22 EXPRESSES THE SINCERE GRATITUDE TO HONORABLE MICHAEL D.  
23 ANTONOVICH, SUPERVISOR OF THE FIFTH DISTRICT, COUNTY OF LOS  
24 ANGELES. THIS IS OUR EARNEST CONVICTION THAT YOUR CONSIDERATE  
25 SUPPORT AND COOPERATION WILL HELP A FLEDGLING YOUNG MONGOLIAN



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1 COMMUNITY TO MOVE FORWARD, ENHANCE ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO ITS  
2 VIBRANT SOCIETAL ENVIRONMENT AND GROW UP AS A DURABLE BRIDGE  
3 BINDING BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS IN THE COMING YEARS." HE ENDED  
4 THE LETTER IN THIS QUOTE. "A TIMELY ASSISTANT WITH A NEEDLE  
5 COULD BE A WAY WORTH THAN A LAVISH UNWANTED PRESENT." JANUARY  
6 13TH, 2009. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OUR LITTLE DOGGY GOT SICK, SO WE HAVE TO TAKE  
9 A BYE. SO NEXT WEEK WE'LL HAVE TWO, SO HOPEFULLY HE'LL BE  
10 RECOVERED BY THEN. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU HAVE A COUPLE  
13 OF PRESENTATIONS.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN  
16 AND COLLEAGUES. WE APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEND A  
17 MESSAGE, A VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE. THAT MESSAGE IS THAT  
18 IMMUNIZATIONS ARE SAFE, EFFECTIVE AND THE BEST WAY TO PROTECT  
19 ADOLESCENTS, THEIR FAMILIES, SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES AGAINST  
20 SERIOUS VACCINE-PREVENTABLE DISEASES. YOU WILL APPRECIATE THAT  
21 VACCINES ARE RECOMMENDED FOR PRETEENS BY THE CENTERS FOR  
22 DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION AND OTHER HEALTH EXPERTS FOR  
23 PROTECTION AGAINST SERIOUS DISEASES, INCLUDING WHOOPING COUGH,  
24 MENINGITIS AND CERVICAL CANCER. I WISH TO STRONGLY ENCOURAGE  
25 PARENTS AND GUARDIANS OF PRETEENS TO MAKE SURE REGULAR,





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1 PREVENTIVE HEALTH VISITS ARE SCHEDULED WITH YOUR HEALTHCARE  
2 PROVIDERS. LET'S CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN HEALTHY PRACTICES,  
3 INCLUDING HEALTHY EATING, AND REGULAR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY. BY  
4 BRINGING AWARENESS OF NEEDED VACCINATIONS, WE GIVE OUR YOUTH  
5 THE ABILITY TO MAKE SOUND HEALTH DECISIONS, TO LIVE LONGER,  
6 HEALTHIER LIVES. IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I PRESENT THIS  
7 SCROLL ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRETY OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
8 TO THE ONE AND ONLY JONATHAN FIELDING AND ALL THE COMMUNITY  
9 PARTNERS WHO SHARE THE GOAL OF PRETEEN IMMUNIZATION AS WELL AS  
10 PROCLAIM JANUARY 18TH-24TH, 2009 AS PRETEEN VACCINE WEEK. AND  
11 WE TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACKNOWLEDGE DR. ALVIN NELSON, EL  
12 AMIN, THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
13 IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM, AND BARBARA WOODARD COX, THE LEAD OF THE  
14 PRETEEN VACCINE WORK GROUP FOR THE IMMUNIZATION COALITION. AND  
15 SO WE THANK YOU FOR THIS VERY IMPORTANT WORK ON PREVENTION. WE  
16 THINK PREVENTION IS SMART, AND THEREFORE WE CELEBRATE IT  
17 THROUGH THIS SCROLL AND PROCLAMATION.

18  
19 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR. THIS  
20 IS A VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE. YOU KNOW, WE'RE RECOGNIZING  
21 INCREASINGLY THE VULNERABILITY OF OUR TEENAGE POPULATION. AND  
22 THERE ARE A NUMBER OF VACCINES THAT ARE CRITICAL, AS  
23 SUPERVISOR SUGGESTED, THAT TEENS RECEIVE. AND IT'S  
24 DISAPPOINTING THAT ONLY, FOR EXAMPLE, A THIRD OF TEENS AGE 13  
25 TO 17 HAVE GOTTEN MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINE, THAT A VERY



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1 SUBSTANTIAL PROPORTION HAVE NOT GOTTEN THEIR BOOSTER FOR  
2 PERTUSSIS AND DIPHTHERIA-- PERTUSSIS, TETANUS AND DIPHTHERIA.  
3 AND IN ADDITION, IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT EVERY TEEN GET A  
4 FLU SHOT OR A FLU MIST. A LOT OF THEM ARE NOT DOING THAT.  
5 THERE'S GREAT OPPORTUNITY, AND WE'RE FINDING INCREASINGLY THAT  
6 TEENS ARE BOTH SUSCEPTIBLE AND ARE TRANSMITTERS. SO THIS  
7 REALLY BRINGS AWARENESS. I WANT TO THANK, SUPERVISOR, FOR YOUR  
8 STRONG SUPPORT OF THIS AND YOUR BOARD FOR YOUR STRONG SUPPORT  
9 OF OUR IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM.

10

11 **BARBARA WOODARD COX:** ON BEHALF OF THE IMMUNIZATION COALITION  
12 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK DR. FIELDING,  
13 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE  
14 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH FOR THEIR STRONG SUPPORT OF  
15 PRETEEN VACCINES. IN HONOR OF THIS STATEWIDE OBSERVANCE, THE  
16 COALITION HAS LAUNCHED A SCHOOL-BASED EDUCATIONAL IMMUNIZATION  
17 PROGRAM CAMPAIGN AT JOHN NEAR MIDDLE SCHOOL IN LOS ANGELES.  
18 THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO REACH PRETEENS, PARENTS AND  
19 EDUCATORS. IN CLOSING, THE IMMUNIZATION COALITION OF LOS  
20 ANGELES COUNTY IS EXCITED TO JOIN OUR PARTNERS, INCLUDING THE  
21 LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
22 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AND THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED  
23 SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN AN EFFORT TO PROMOTE PRETEEN VACCINES,  
24 DURING PRETEEN VACCINE WEEK THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. THANK YOU.  
25 [APPLAUSE.]



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, WITH YOUR PERMISSION, I'D

3 LIKE NOW TO MAKE THIS SPECIAL PRESENTATION IN RECOGNITION OF

4 KOREAN-AMERICAN DAY. AND WE WOULD LIKE FOR DR. SUNG WOONG

5 PARK, CHAIRMAN OF THE KOREAN-AMERICAN FOUNDATION, THAT IS THE

6 L.A. CHAPTER. DR. PUNG WOO YUNG, HONORARY CHAIRMAN OF THE

7 KOREAN AMERICAN FEDERATION, MR. CHANG YET LEE, CHAIRMAN OF THE

8 KOREAN FEDERATION. GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE, PLEASE.

9 [APPLAUSE.] I'VE HAD THE HONOR OF REPRESENTING THE KOREAN

10 AMERICAN COMMUNITY SINCE HAVING BEEN ELECTED IN 1991 ON THE

11 CITY COUNCIL OF LOS ANGELES, THE STATE ASSEMBLY AND THE STATE

12 SENATE AND NOW MY HONOR TO CONTINUE TO SERVE THIS COMMUNITY

13 HERE ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. KOREAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

14 BEGAN ON JANUARY THE 13TH, 1903 WITH THE MAIDEN ARRIVAL OF 103

15 BRAVE SOULS ABOARD THIS EXTRAORDINARY SHIP, THE S.S. GAELIC IN

16 HAWAII. THESE MEN AND WOMEN, AS WELL AS CHILDREN, HAD VENTURED

17 ACROSS THE PACIFIC IN PURSUIT OF WHAT WAS THEN AND STILL IS

18 DEFINED AS "THE AMERICAN DREAM." HOWEVER, THEIR HOPES AND

19 DREAMS WERE QUICKLY FRUSTRATED BY SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AS WELL AS

20 LANGUAGE BARRIERS. THESE FIRST KOREAN IMMIGRANTS FOUGHT FOR

21 THE INDEPENDENCE OF THEIR MOTHERLAND AND THEIR CHILDREN GREW

22 UP AS PATRIOTIC AMERICANS. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS HOME TO

23 THE LARGEST POPULATION OF KOREANS OUTSIDE OF KOREA, NUMBERING

24 NOW OVER APPROXIMATELY 1 MILLION. THE KOREAN-AMERICAN

25 COMMUNITY LOOKS TOWARD THE NEXT CENTURY AND CONTINUES TO



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1 INSTILL THEIR ROOTS IN THE YOUTH, THE PRINCIPLES OF REVERENCE  
2 FOR COURAGE, PRIDE IN THEIR CULTURAL HERITAGE, AS WELL. SO  
3 THEN IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
4 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HERE PROCLAIMS THIS DAY, JANUARY 13TH, AS  
5 KOREAN-AMERICAN DAY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND  
6 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND IT IS OUR HONOR TO MAKE THIS  
7 PRESENTATION TO YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

8

9 **SPEAKER:** ON BEHALF OF KOREAN- AMERICAN FOUNDATION AND THE  
10 EXTENDED KOREAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY, WE ARE SO HONORED TO BE  
11 HERE WITH OUR DISTINGUISHED SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
12 FOR THE DECLARATION IN HONOR OF KOREAN-AMERICAN DAY. YOU KNOW,  
13 LOS ANGELES IS AN INGREDIENT MEANINGFUL TO KOREAN- AMERICAN  
14 COMMUNITY. AS \_\_\_\_\_ SAID, THAT L.A. COUNTY IS THE MOST  
15 POPULATED KOREAN-AMERICANS IN THE UNITED STATES. AND WE FEEL  
16 THE SPIRIT OF KOREAN- AMERICAN DAY HERE IN LOS ANGELES. AS YOU  
17 MAY KNOW, AS WE ENTERED THE 21ST CENTURY, RIGHT AFTER THE  
18 CELEBRATION OF THE CENTENNIAL OF KOREAN IMMIGRATION TO THE  
19 UNITED STATES IN 2003, WE SUCCESSFULLY ESTABLISHED JANUARY  
20 13TH AS KOREAN-AMERICAN DAY. WE PROPOSED THE LEGISLATION OF  
21 CALIFORNIA STATE AND THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES TO SET UP KOREAN-  
22 AMERICAN DAY ANNUALLY AND PASSED THAT RESOLUTION UNANIMOUSLY  
23 IN 2004. AT THE SAME TIME, THE U.S. CONGRESS MADE THE HISTORIC  
24 MOMENT FOR ESTABLISHING KOREAN AMERICAN DAY AS A RESOLUTION,  
25 BOTH THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THEN SENATE IN 2005. SO



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1    TODAY MARKS THE SIXTH ANNIVERSARY IN CALIFORNIA AND THE FOURTH  
2    IN THE NATION. AMERICA, AS WE ALL KNOW, IS BLESSED BY THE  
3    DIVERSITY OF OUR CITIZENS. THE SPIRIT AND GOALS OF KOREAN-  
4    AMERICAN DAY IS TO MAKE AS GOOD, LOYAL CITIZENS AS AN AMERICAN  
5    OF KOREAN HERITAGE. OUR MISSION IS ALSO TO IMPROVE THE MUTUAL  
6    HARMONY, TOGETHERNESS, UNITY AND COOPERATION WITH THE OTHER  
7    DIVERSIFIED ETHNIC SOCIETIES THAT DEFINES AMERICA AND THE  
8    PROSPERITY OF THIS NATION. AGAIN, I'D LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR DEEP  
9    GRATITUDE TO OUR SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR  
10    EMBRACING A STRONG SENSE OF APPRECIATION FOR THIS COUNTRY.  
11    THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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13    **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE BOARD OF LOS  
14    ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISORS, WE, THE KOREAN- AMERICAN  
15    FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES, WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR  
16    DESIGNATING JANUARY 13TH AS KOREAN-AMERICAN DAY. WE THANK YOU  
17    FOR YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT IN RECOGNIZING MORE THAN BEEN 100  
18    YEARS OF KOREAN-AMERICAN HISTORY IN THE UNITED STATES AND FOR  
19    THE WONDERFUL CONTRIBUTIONS THE KOREAN-AMERICANS MADE TO THIS  
20    COUNTRY AND TO THIS GREAT COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. TODAY,  
21    JANUARY 13TH, THE KOREAN- AMERICAN DAY WAS RESERVED TO US TO  
22    ALL AMERICANS TO OBSERVE THIS DAY WITH A GREAT APPRECIATION AT  
23    THE FEDERAL CONGRESS. SO I WANT TO CALL KOREAN- AMERICAN DAY,  
24    THANKS DAY. THANKS, THANKS, THANKS. KOREAN-AMERICAN DAY IS  
25    THANKS DAY. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND



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1 ENCOURAGEMENT IN EMBRACING THE RICH HERITAGE AND CULTURE OF  
2 KOREAN-AMERICAN HISTORY AND ITS PEOPLE. AS YOU'RE AWARE,  
3 KOREATOWN IS ONE OF THE MOST VIBRANT COMMUNITIES, AND THE  
4 FASTEST GROWING IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, WITH RESIDENTS  
5 FROM ALL ETHNIC BACKGROUNDS AND CULTURES THAT COME TOGETHER TO  
6 MAKE KOREATOWN SO UNIQUE AND SPECIAL. AS A MEMBER OF THE  
7 COMMUNITY AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF KOREAN- AMERICAN FOUNDATION  
8 OF LOS ANGELES, I PROMISE TO WORK AND STRIVE TO MAKE THIS CITY  
9 EVEN GREATER AND MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN IT IS TODAY. WE ARE  
10 HONORED TO BE HERE TODAY TO COMMEMORATE THE CELEBRATION OF  
11 KOREAN-AMERICAN DAY. AND WE THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR SUPPORT.  
12 MAY GOD BLESS YOU. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

13

14 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD AND THE BOARD OF  
15 SUPERVISORS, WE THANK YOU FOR INVITING US HERE. KOREAN-  
16 AMERICAN DAY IS SPECIAL BECAUSE IT COINCIDES WITH MARTIN  
17 LUTHER KING DAY. AND 46 YEARS AGO, DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING  
18 SPOKE OF A DREAM. AND THIS YEAR WE'RE CELEBRATING, WE'RE  
19 WITNESSING THE HISTORY THAT THE FIRST BLACK AMERICAN TO BE  
20 INAUGURATED AS A PRESIDENT OF THIS UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.  
21 AND WE ALSO ARE CELEBRATING OUR KOREAN-AMERICAN DAY ON THIS  
22 FESTIVE OCCASION. WE ARE THE L.A. COUNTY IS COMPRISED OF  
23 CULTURAL FABRIC OF MANY DIFFERENT ETHNIC COMMUNITIES, AND OUR  
24 KOREAN- AMERICAN COMMUNITY HAS CONTRIBUTED INVALUABLE SERVICES  
25 AND CONTRIBUTIONS IN BUSINESS SECTORS, EDUCATION SECTOR AND





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1 ALSO CULTURAL SECTORS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO STRIVE TO BECOME  
2 THE STRONG COMMUNITY TO SUPPORT THE INDIVIDUALS OF L.A. COUNTY  
3 AND PARTNERSHIP WITH THE L.A. COUNTY TO MAKE BETTER COUNTY OF  
4 LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **SPEAKER:** HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, TODAY IS  
7 KOREAN- AMERICAN DAY. THE KOREAN-AMERICAN DAY JANUARY 13TH,  
8 2003, PROCLAIMED BY THE CONGRESS. KOREAN IMMIGRANTS LAND FOR  
9 THE FIRST TIME IN HAWAII 1903, FOR THE FARM OF CHINGWA CRANE  
10 [PH?]. AT THE TIME, 1,000 KOREANS FROM KOREAN PENINSULA. SINCE  
11 THEN, KOREAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALLY ESTIMATES SHOW THAT ABOUT 2  
12 1/2 MILLION PEOPLE LIVE IN THE UNITED STATES. LARGEST  
13 COMMUNITY IN THE WORLD HERE, UNITED STATES. THANK YOU SO MUCH,  
14 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. CONTINUE OUR SUPPORT TO CELEBRATION OF  
15 KOREAN-AMERICAN DAY. GOD BLESS YOU. GOD BLESS AMERICA. THANK  
16 YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, YOU  
19 ARE UP FIRST.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. MR. CHAIRMAN, I  
22 WOULD LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF HERB KATZ,  
23 MEMBER OF THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL. FORMER MAYOR, WAS  
24 MAYOR LAST YEAR OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA, WHO WAS RE-  
25 ELECTED THIS PAST NOVEMBER TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF SANTA



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1 MONICA. HE PASSED AWAY AFTER A SERIOUS ILLNESS. HERB WAS A  
2 COMMERCIAL ARCHITECT, POPULAR AND VISIBLE MEMBER OF HIS  
3 COMMUNITY FOR MANY DECADES. HE SERVED ONE TERM AS MAYOR, TWO  
4 TERMS OF MAYOR PRO TEM AND TWICE AS A MEMBER OF THE SANTA  
5 MONICA CITY COUNCIL, A POSITION HE HELD AT THE TIME HE DIED.  
6 HIS FIRM, R.T.K. ARCHITECTS, WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR SUCH PROJECTS  
7 AS THE PLAYA VISTA STUDIOS, GRENADA HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,  
8 AND VARIOUS OFFICE BUILDINGS, CAR DEALERSHIPS AND RETAIL  
9 ESTABLISHMENTS AROUND LOS ANGELES. HE WAS CREDITED, LARGELY  
10 CREDITED, WITH BEING THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND THE DEVELOPMENT  
11 OF THE SANTA MONICA PROMENADE, THIRD STREET PROMENADE IN SANTA  
12 MONICA, WHICH IS ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL PEDESTRIAN MALLS  
13 IN THE COUNTRY. HE WILL BE VERY MUCH MISSED BY THOSE WHO HAD  
14 THE PLEASURE TO KNOW AND WORK WITH HIM. HIS WIFE, HIS FIRST  
15 WIFE ILONA PRECEDED HIM IN DEATH AND HIS TWO CHILDREN, GLEN  
16 AND DANA ALSO PREDECEASED HIM. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SECOND  
17 WIFE BRENDA AND A DAUGHTER, DANA, AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS. I  
18 WOULD JUST SAY ONE MORE WORD ABOUT HERB, EXTEMPORANEOUSLY. HE  
19 WAS A REAL NICE GUY. IN A CITY THAT HAS HAD ITS KNOCK DOWN  
20 DRAG OUT POLITICAL BATTLES, HE WAS ABLE TO RISE ABOVE IT AND  
21 BY SHEER FORCE OF HIS PERSONALITY AND HIS GOODNESS. HE WAS A  
22 VERY EFFECTIVE MEMBER OF THEIR CITY GOVERNMENT. THE FUNERAL  
23 YESTERDAY WAS INCREDIBLE. IN SANTA MONICA, OVER 1,500 PEOPLE  
24 FROM ALL PARTS OF THE SPECTRUM, ON THE PROFESSIONAL SPECTRUM,  
25 THE COMMUNITY SPECTRUM IN SANTA MONICA. HE WILL BE SORELY



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1 MISSED TO ALL WHOM HE SERVED AND ALL WHO KNEW HIM. THAT'S MY  
2 ONLY ADJOURNING MOTION, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. DO YOU HAVE ANY ITEMS? I  
5 WOULD JUST ADD ABOUT HERB, KNOWING HERB OVER A NUMBER OF  
6 YEARS, HE BROUGHT CALM TO THAT CITY DURING SOME VERY  
7 POLITICALLY ADVENTUROUS SITUATIONS THERE. I'M JUST SHOCKED. IT  
8 MUST HAVE BEEN VERY SUDDEN. ANYWAY, I WANT TO BE ON THAT.

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL MEMBERS.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL MEMBERS. DO YOU WANT TO CALL  
13 ANYTHING UP?

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES, I DO. LET ME SEE WHICH ONE I WANT TO  
16 CALL UP FIRST. ITEM 11? NOT 11. YEAH. 11. MR. FUJIOKA WANTED  
17 TO READ SOME ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE IN.

18

19 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I WANTED TO PROVIDE SOME CLARIFYING  
20 INFORMATION REFLECTIVE OF THE AGREEMENT I HAVE NOT ONLY WITH  
21 THE DEPARTMENT BUT ALSO WITH OUR PARTNERS, S.E.I.U. THIS IS A  
22 VERY IMPORTANT PROGRAM. WE'VE IDENTIFIED 2.8 MILLION TO  
23 CONTINUE THIS PROGRAM DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE STATE HAS  
24 ELIMINATED FUNDING FOR IT. OR WE REVISED THAT AMOUNT FROM THE  
25 ORIGINAL 3.1. THIS PROGRAM WILL ENSURE THAT THOSE CURRENTLY



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1 ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM WILL CONTINUE THIS FISCAL YEAR. BUT  
2 IT'S GOING TO BE CAPPED AT THOSE IN THE PROGRAM THAT WE KNOW,  
3 NEW ENROLLEES. AND WHAT'S REAL IMPORTANT IS THAT AT THE END OF  
4 THE YEAR, IF THERE IS ANY MONEY LEFT OVER, IT WILL REVERT BACK  
5 TO THE TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUND. WHAT'S IMPORTANT FOR EVERYONE  
6 TO RECOGNIZE IS THAT ALTHOUGH THIS PROGRAM IS IMPORTANT, IT  
7 DOES PROVIDE A SERVICE TO OUR DEPARTMENT AND ALSO THE  
8 EMPLOYEES. WE'RE FACING SOME VERY, VERY DIFFICULT TIMES. AND  
9 THE FACT THAT WE HAVE TO REPLACE MONEY THAT THE STATE TOOK  
10 FROM THIS IMPORTANT FUNCTION IS SOMETHING WE HAVE TO BE VERY  
11 MINDFUL OF AND WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL AS WE MOVE FORWARD TO THE  
12 REST OF THE BUDGET DISCUSSIONS THAT THIS ISSUE WILL COME UP I  
13 THINK TIME AND TIME AGAIN. AND SO WE JUST HAVE TO BE CAREFUL.  
14 BUT WE ARE COMMITTED TO THIS PROGRAM. WE'RE GOING TO CAP IT AT  
15 2.8. THERE WILL BE NO NEW ENROLLEES. AND ANY MONEY LEFT OVER  
16 WILL REVERT BACK TO THE TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUND, WHICH IS AN  
17 IMPORTANT FUND FOR OTHER HEALTH-RELATED PROGRAMS.

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WILL MOVE THAT ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY. YOU SAID 2.8,  
22 BUT YET THE ITEM'S 3.1.



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1   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IT WAS 3.1, BUT A REVISED MEMO WAS SENT FROM  
2   THE DEPARTMENT TO THE BOARD STATING THAT THE 2.8 WAS  
3   NECESSARY.

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5   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. THE  
6   CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

7

8   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WITH MR. FUJIOKA'S LANGUAGE, NO NEW  
9   ENROLLEES AND ANY SURPLUS TO REVERT BACK.

10

11   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I'LL WORK WITH THE BOARD OFFICE TO MAKE SURE  
12   THAT LANGUAGE IS IN THERE. THANK YOU.

13

14   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ITEM 15, I HELD IT. BUT I THINK NOW THAT I  
15   SEE IT, I DON'T THINK I HAVE A PROBLEM WITH IT. JUST REMOVING  
16   THAT LANGUAGE? AND THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN EXTENSIONS ON A MONTH-  
17   TO-MONTH BASIS AFTER JANUARY 31ST, 2014?

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19   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THAT EXTENSION IS BEING ELIMINATED.

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21   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES. I WANTED TO KNOW WHAT WAS BEING  
22   ELIMINATED. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN AN EXTENSION OF THAT.

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1    **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THE MONTH-TO-MONTH IS BEING ELIMINATED. THE  
2    FIVE- YEAR CONTRACT SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT FOR US TO DETERMINE  
3    WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE.

4

5    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL MOVE IT.

6

7    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED, THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT  
8    OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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10   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU WANT TO TAKE THE PUBLIC? LIKE PUBLIC  
11   TESTIMONY ITEMS? ITEM 25? WHAT ARE THEY? 23 AND NUMBER 7 AND  
12   NUMBER. 23.

13

14   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. NUMBER 7 AND NUMBER 23. IF I CAN  
15   HAVE THE--. GENEVIEVE AND ARNOLD SACHS. ITEM 7 IT IS OUR  
16   INTENT TO CONTINUE, IS THAT CORRECT?

17

18   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NUMBER 7, YES.

19

20   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IT WILL BE CONTINUED AFTER THE  
21   TESTIMONY. ARNOLD AND GENEVIEVE? ARNOLD'S ON 23. HE'S NOT ON  
22   7.

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24   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** RIGHT. ARNOLD'S ON 23 AND GENEVIEVE'S ON 7.

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE'RE DOING 7 RIGHT NOW, ARNOLD. SO IF  
2    YOU'LL WAIT.

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4    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU COULD STAY THERE, THOUGH.

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6    **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
7    DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.

8

9    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD MORNING.

10

11   **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** I'M GLAD THAT YOU ARE GOING TO REVIEW  
12   THIS CONTRACT BECAUSE IT IS AS CLEAR AS MUD AS CAN BE. THERE'S  
13   ACTUALLY TWO ISSUES ON THAT. ONE IS WORTH \$5 MILLION. THE  
14   OTHER IS \$4 MILLION, WHICH IS MAKING IT \$9 MILLION CONTRACT.  
15   AND THE WAY IT IS WRITTEN, IF YOU DON'T PAY ATTENTION, YOU SEE  
16   AT THE MOST \$5 MILLION. BUT IT IS NOT. IT IS A 9 MILLION  
17   CONTRACT. IT IS ONE FOR THE SOFTWARE, FOR THE ENTERPRISE  
18   CONTENT MANAGEMENT, THE OTHER ONE IS FOR SERVICES. SO THAT'S A  
19   PRETTY STEEP CONTRACT. AND YOU KNOW MY FEELING I HAVE ABOUT  
20   INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY WHEN IT COMES TO L.A. COUNTY. WE STILL  
21   HAVE NO IDEA HOW MANY CONTRACTS YOU HAVE. THOUGH I DEMANDED  
22   UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION LAST YEAR FOR THAT  
23   INFORMATION, I'M STILL WAITING FOR IT. AND I THINK YOU ARE  
24   WRITING CONTRACT AFTER CONTRACT ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, AND  
25   I DON'T KNOW WHAT WORK IS BEING DONE WITH IT. THE BASIC YOU



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1 COULD DO IS KEEP TRACK OF CONTRACTS. THAT'S, YOU KNOW, ONE-ON-  
2 ONE IN COMPUTING SOFTWARE. SO I HOPE YOU REVIEW THIS CONTRACT  
3 INTENSIVELY BECAUSE IT'S QUITE A BIT OF MONEY. AND IS AN  
4 OPTION AFTER THREE YEAR TO RENEW I TWICE, SO I THINK IT SHOULD  
5 BE REVIEWED. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. BUT IT  
8 WILL BE CONTINUED TILL?

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CONTINUED TO FEBRUARY 3RD, THREE WEEKS.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CONTINUED TILL FEBRUARY 3RD.

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 25.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** 23. LET'S DO 23 FIRST. IT WILL BE  
17 CONTINUED. SO ORDERED. 23. MR. SACHS?

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19 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD MORNING, COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
20 ARNOLD SACHS. YEAH, I WAS VERY INTERESTED IN THE COUNTY'S PLAN  
21 THAT THEY'VE SUBMITTED BECAUSE TO THE FEDERAL FUNDS THAT ARE  
22 HOPEFULLY COMING BACK FOR THE ECONOMIC STIMULUS. AND THE  
23 REASON IS, IS BECAUSE THE CITY OF L.A. ALSO PUT TOGETHER A  
24 PLAN FOR PROJECTS. AND WHEN I LOOKED AT THE CITY OF L.A.'S  
25 PLAN, IT LISTED A NUMBER OF PROJECTS AS 202. AND THEY LISTED



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1 THEM ALSO BY DISTRICT, BY COUNCIL DISTRICT. SO OF THE 202  
2 PROJECTS, APPROXIMATELY 40 OF THEM WERE DUPLICATED, ALL THE  
3 DISTRICTS AND THEN EACH DISTRICT IN AND OF ITSELF GETTING A  
4 PROJECT WAS LISTED ALSO GETTING THE SAME AMOUNT OF MONEY I SEE  
5 IT IS DONE THE SAME THING IN THE COUNTY. THERE WERE PROJECTS  
6 REVIEWING IT THIS MORNING THAT WERE LISTED FOR ALL THE  
7 COUNTIES, FOR A SUM OF FUNDS, LET'S SAY \$5 MILLION. AND THEN  
8 IN EACH COUNTY THAT THAT PROJECT IS GOING TO BE ENACTED IN,  
9 IT'S ALSO LISTED FOR \$5 MILLION. IT'S DUPLICATION OF PROJECTS.  
10 AND IT'S ONLY ONE TOTAL. SO LET'S SAY-- I DON'T HAVE THE LIST  
11 WITH ME BECAUSE I DIDN'T BRING IT UP. BUT THERE'S AN ITEM  
12 THERE FOR THE AIRPORTS FOR \$5 MILLION. BUT IT'S ALSO LISTED IN  
13 DISTRICTS NUMBER 1, 3 AND 5 FOR AIRPORT WORK, 5 MILLION  
14 DOLLARS. WELL DOES THAT MEAN THAT EACH DISTRICT IS GOING TO  
15 GET \$5 MILLION OR DOES THAT MEAN THAT THE TOTAL FOR THE  
16 AIRPORT WORK IS GOING TO BE \$5 MILLION? IT WORKS TWO WAYS  
17 AGAINST THE PUBLIC. NOBODY KNOWS HOW MUCH IS GOING TO EACH  
18 DISTRICT. AND IF THE FUNDING IS TURNED DOWN, NOBODY KNOWS FROM  
19 WHICH DISTRICT IT WAS TURNED DOWN IN. AND SINCE AFTER ALL, THE  
20 PUBLIC WILL EVENTUALLY GET THIS BILL, IT WOULD BE NICE TO  
21 ELIMINATE THE DUPLICATION AND PRESENT A CONCISE, DIRECT CALL  
22 FOR PROJECTS. AND I ALSO NOTICED THAT IN THIS CALL FOR  
23 PROJECTS, THERE WERE LIMITED PROJECTS FOR THE M.T.A., WHEREAS  
24 IN THE CITY'S CALL FOR PROJECTS, THERE'S A HUGE AMOUNT OF  
25 PROJECTS THAT ARE LISTED FOR THE M.T.A., THAT ARE ALSO COVERED



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1 BY THE HALF CENT SALES TAX, THEY ARE ALSO COVERED BY  
2 PROPOSITION 1-P FUNDS. AND IT'S A DUPLICATION OF FUNDING.  
3 THERE'S A HUGE AMOUNT OF MONEY INVOLVED. AND IT SHOULD BE  
4 LOOKED INTO A LITTLE BIT BETTER. THANK YOU.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'RE WELCOME. JUST SO YOU KNOW. IT IS  
7 NOT A DUPLICATION. THERE ARE MULTIPLE AIRPORTS, COUNTY  
8 AIRPORTS THAT WE'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR. THIS PARTICULAR ITEM IS  
9 TOTALLY UNRELATED TO THE STIMULUS PACKAGE. THIS PROJECT'S BEEN  
10 IN THE WORKS, THROUGH JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY, ALAMEDA CORRIDOR  
11 EAST, DIFFERENT FROM THE ALAMEDA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY. SO  
12 WE CAN'T APPLY DUPLICATE DOLLARS.

13

14 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I'M SORRY, SUPERVISOR. YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT  
15 25.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT 23.

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19 **ARNOLD SACHS:** NO, YOU ASKED ABOUT 25.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NO I ASKED 23. THAT'S WHAT YOU HELD. I  
22 GOT IT RIGHT HERE.

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24 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I HELD BOTH OF THEM HERE.

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I HAVEN'T CALLED UP 25 YET.

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3    **ARNOLD SACHS:** I THOUGHT THAT THE ONE YOU JUST CALLED ON,  
4    BECAUSE MY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ALAMEDA CORRIDOR WERE  
5    DIFFERENT. YOU CALLED 25.

6

7    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I CALLED 23. MR. YAROSLAVSKY CALLED 25,  
8    I SAID WE HAVE NOT DONE 23 YET. OKAY? SO GO AHEAD WITH 23 AND  
9    THEN WE'LL APPROVE IT.

10

11    **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. WHAT I WAS GOING TO TALK ABOUT THE  
12    ALAMEDA CORRIDOR IS THAT A GOOD TEN YEARS AGO, MAYBE LONGER,  
13    THERE WAS FUNDING PROVIDED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
14    TRANSPORTATION, \$40 MILLION TO STUDY THE ALAMEDA CORRIDOR'S  
15    COMPLETION TO THE PORTS, TO FINISH THE CORRIDOR PAST PACIFIC  
16    COAST HIGHWAY. THAT STILL HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED.

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18    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** TWO DIFFERENT SEPARATE ENTITIES. TWO  
19    DIFFERENT J.P.A.S. ONE IS THE ALAMEDA TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR  
20    AUTHORITY WHICH YOU'RE RELATING TO FINISHING THE END OF THE  
21    PORT. THERE'S STILL THE LITIGATION AND ALL THE DEBATE GOING  
22    INTO THE PORTS AND THE INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION. 23 IS THE  
23    ALAMEDA CORRIDOR EAST AUTHORITY, WHICH AS YOU KNOW, THESE  
24    TRAINS DON'T TURN LEFT INTO THE OCEAN, THEY TURN RIGHT AND GO



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1 OUT TO THE CALIFORNIA BORDER. AND THAT'S A SEPARATE PROJECT,  
2 SEPARATE FROM THE PORT PIECE THAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.

3

4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ITEM 23 IS BEFORE US. THE  
7 CHAIR WILL MOVE IT. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT  
8 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM 25?

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ITEM 25. I THINK THERE'S A MEMBER OF THE  
11 PUBLIC THAT HELD THAT.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** HE JUST TESTIFIED TO THAT.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. I WOULD MOVE THAT THE 25 PERCENT BE  
16 REDUCED TO 10 PERCENT, THAT'S ALL. MR. YAROSLAVSKY MOVES THE  
17 ITEM WITH THE REDUCTION OF CONTINGENCY FROM 25 TO 10 PERCENT.  
18 THE CHAIR WOULD SECOND THAT. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHILE WE'RE AT IT, IF I COULD JUST ASK  
21 C.E.O. STAFF, SHARON, ON THIS CONTINGENCY BUSINESS. THIS IS  
22 THE SECOND WEEK, IF YOU CAN GET THE MESSAGE OUT TO THE  
23 DEPARTMENTS NOT TO HAVE A CONTINGENCY OF NOT MORE THAN 10  
24 PERCENT ON THESE THINGS THEY BRING THEM FORWARD, IT'LL SAVE US  
25 A LOT OF TIME.





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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT A SPECIAL REQUEST OF SOME SORT.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** RIGHT, UNLESS THERE'S A REASON FOR IT. MR.  
5 YAROSLAVSKY, YOU ALSO HELD-- YOU AND SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS  
6 HELD ITEM NUMBER 2, MY MOTION?

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES. I HAVE AN AMENDMENT I WANT TO READ INTO  
9 THE RECORD, TO THIS ITEM. "OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS, THE  
10 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS INTRODUCED A WIDE VARIETY OF  
11 INITIATIVES TO HELP THE HEALTH OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE  
12 RELATED WELL-BEING OF COUNTY RESIDENTS. THIS INCLUDED  
13 COMPREHENSIVE GREEN BUILDING REQUIREMENTS FOR BOTH PUBLIC AND  
14 PRIVATE BUILDINGS IN THE COUNTY'S JURISDICTION, THE GOAL OF  
15 REDUCING THE COUNTY'S ENERGY USE BY 20 PERCENT BY THE YEAR  
16 2015, JOINING THE COOL COUNTIES INITIATIVE TO REDUCE OUR  
17 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS 80 PERCENT BY 2050, ENGAGING IN  
18 EFFORTS TO INCREASE RECYCLING RATES, PURCHASING  
19 ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE PRODUCTS, PROCURING MORE FUEL  
20 EFFICIENT VEHICLES AND REDUCING THE USE OF DISPOSABLE PLASTIC  
21 BAGS AND STYROFOAM. THE BOARD SHOULD ENSURE THAT THE  
22 INITIATIVES PROPOSED IN TODAY'S MOTION ARE ADDRESSED WITHIN  
23 THE CONTEXT OF ONGOING EFFORTS IN THIS EFFORT. I THEREFORE  
24 MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FURTHER DIRECT THAT THE  
25 REPORT REQUESTED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE'S MOTION INCLUDE AN



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1 ANALYSIS OF HOW THE RENEWABLE ENERGY OR THE PURCHASE OF ENERGY  
2 CREDITS WOULD WORK IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COUNTY'S EXISTING  
3 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY, SPECIFICALLY INCLUDING HOW  
4 THE COSTS AND BENEFITS OF PURCHASING ELECTRICITY FROM  
5 RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES COMPARE TO THE BENEFITS OF INVESTING  
6 MONEY AND EFFICIENCIES OF THE COUNTY'S OPERATIONS, HOW THE  
7 COUNTY'S ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL TEAM CAN EFFECTIVELY  
8 EVALUATE AND IMPLEMENT ON AN ONGOING BASIS THE MOST COST-  
9 EFFECTIVE AND EFFICACIOUS OPTIONS FOR REDUCING THE COUNTY'S  
10 CONTRIBUTION TO AIR POLLUTION AND GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS,  
11 WHAT THE COUNTY'S ENERGY ENVIRONMENTAL TEAM'S ROLE IS AND WHAT  
12 IT SHOULD BE IN ENSURING THAT THE ENERGY IN ENVIRONMENTAL  
13 POLICY IS CONSISTENTLY IMPLEMENTED BY ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS,  
14 AND WHAT CENTRALIZED MECHANISM IF ANY EXISTS IN THE COUNTY TO  
15 TRACK, COORDINATE AND IMPLEMENT AND MONITOR AND PRIORITIZE THE  
16 VARIETY OF EFFORTS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY TO ENHANCE ENVIRONMENTAL  
17 SUSTAINABILITY OF THE COUNTY'S OPERATION, INCLUDING BUT NOT  
18 LIMITED TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY, COMBATING GLOBAL WARMING AND AIR  
19 POLLUTION, REDUCING GENERATION OF SOLID WASTE AND IMPROVING  
20 WATER QUALITY." THAT LAST POINT IS REALLY A KEY ONE.  
21 SOMEBODY'S GOT TO BE IN CHARGE OF COORDINATING ALL THESE.  
22 BILL, MR. FUJIOKA? ON THIS THING, SOMEBODY'S GOT TO BE IN  
23 CHARGE OF COORDINATING ALL OF THE VARIOUS MOTIONS AND POLICIES  
24 THAT HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED BY THIS BOARD OR HAVE BEEN  
25 REQUESTED TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY THIS BOARD, INCLUDING THE ONE



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1 THAT MR. KNABE IS BRINGING FORWARD. MY IMPRESSION IS THAT  
2 NOBODY IS MAKING THIS THING HAPPEN. EVERYBODY'S KIND OF  
3 LOOKING AT EVERYBODY ELSE.

4

5 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE'LL BRING THAT TOGETHER.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL APPRECIATE IT.

8

9 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** AND WITH THAT BRING A PLAN BACK FOR THAT.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S MY AMENDMENT.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU MAKE THE MOTION, I WILL ACCEPT THAT  
14 FRIENDLY AMENDMENT WITH SOME REALLY GOOD.

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** STUFF IN THERE.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** REALLY BIG WORDS IN THERE.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** EFFICACIOUS.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SOME GREAT SCRABBLE WORDS IN THERE.

23

24 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WITH THAT, I WOULD SUGGEST YOU INSTRUCT US TO  
25 COME BACK WITH A REPORT.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I WILL IN JUST A SECOND. BUT I THINK WE  
3 HAVE ANOTHER FRIENDLY AMENDMENT, IS THAT CORRECT, MR. RIDLEY-  
4 THOMAS?

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT WOULDN'T BE ANYTHING ELSE IF IT WAS A  
7 KNABE MOTION, MR. CHAIR.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH, RIGHT.

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I'LL JUST SIMPLY SAY, WE ALL KNOW THAT THE  
12 COUNTY SERVES TO GAIN NUMEROUS BENEFITS BY UTILIZING RESOURCES  
13 OF RENEWABLE ENERGY TO OFFSET OUR ELECTRICAL DEMAND. AND THIS  
14 WILL ALLOW US TO REDUCE OUR CARBON EMISSIONS, MEET OUR ENERGY  
15 EFFICIENCY BENCHMARKS AND PROVIDE A MORE SUSTAINABLE AND COST-  
16 EFFECTIVE MEANS OF OPERATION, SO I THINK THERE'S GREAT WISDOM  
17 IN THIS MOTION. LET ME JUST SIMPLY SAY THAT THE PRESIDENT-  
18 ELECT HAS INDICATED HIS INTENT TO PRIORITIZE ENERGY EFFICIENCY  
19 MEASURES AS A KEY COMPONENT OF AN ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE.  
20 AND THIS COUNTY CAN BE AT THE FOREFRONT. AND I WANT TO STAY AT  
21 THE FOREFRONT OF PARTNERING WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN THE  
22 CREATION OF GREEN JOBS TO SUPPORT SOLAR AND OTHER RENEWABLE  
23 ENERGY PROJECTS AND MUST BE PREPARED AND PROACTIVE ABOUT  
24 CAPITALIZING ON THIS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO FUND A RENEWABLE  
25 ENERGY PROGRAM. MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS, THE POINT THAT I



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1 WISH TO MAKE IS THAT I THINK THAT THE C.E.O. CAN AND SHOULD BE  
2 DIRECTED TO REPORT BACK TO US A COMPREHENSIVE PROPOSAL FOR  
3 RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAM NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, WITH YOUR  
4 PERMISSION, MR. CHAIRMAN. AND WE'VE DELINEATED THE RANGE OF  
5 THINGS THAT CAN HAPPEN, THAT WILL ENHANCE THIS MOTION AND PUT  
6 US IN A VERY STRONG POSITION IN TERMS OF GETTING THE  
7 PRESIDENT-ELECT'S ATTENTION AS IT RELATES TO GREEN JOBS AND  
8 THE COMPONENTS THAT THEY REPRESENT IN TERMS OF THE ECONOMIC  
9 STIMULUS PACKAGE.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IT IS ACCEPTABLE.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I TRUST IT IS ACCEPTABLE BECAUSE IT'S  
14 FRIENDLY.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I ACCEPT THAT AS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT,  
17 AS WELL, TOO. I WILL ALSO ADD THAT WE WILL ADD THAT BASED UPON  
18 MR. YAROSLAVSKY'S COMMENT AND MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS'S AND MINE  
19 TOO, THAT WE COORDINATE AND FIND OUT WHERE WE ARE THE NUMBER  
20 OF MOTIONS OUT THERE AND SEE IF WE CAN PUT IT UNDER ONE ROOF.  
21 I THINK CONCERN ALWAYS IS THAT THESE ARE USUALLY GOOD MOTIONS,  
22 BUT IF WE GET SPREAD TOO THIN AND GET OUT INTO TOO MANY  
23 DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS, IT MIGHT BE GOOD TO FOCUS THIS IN ONE  
24 PARTICULAR DEPARTMENT, IN PUBLIC WORKS, REGIONAL PLANNING,



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1   WHATEVER IT MAY BE AND REPORT BACK AS PART OF THAT REPORT

2   BACK, TOO, OKAY.

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4   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE'LL DO THAT.

5

6   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OR YOUR OFFICE. BECAUSE THAT'S BEEN THE  
7   PROBLEM. IT'S NOT JUST MOTIONS. IT'S APPROVED MOTIONS THAT GO  
8   BACK MONTHS. AND I DON'T THINK THEY HAVE BEEN COORDINATED. SO  
9   I THINK THIS IS A CASE WHERE--

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11   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IT'S A GOOD CENTRALIZED APPROACH.

12

13   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** A PLACE WHERE YOU CAN SYNTHESIZE SOME--

14

15   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE'RE CENTRALIZING IT TODAY BY GIVING  
16   YOU A MOTION AND TWO FRIENDLY AMENDMENTS.

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18   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEY ARE VERY FRIENDLY.

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20   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** VERY FRIENDLY.

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22   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** LONGER THAN THE ORIGINAL MOTION BUT  
23   THEY'RE VERY FRIENDLY. MR. SACHS?

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YOU DID SAY UNDER ONE ROOF, DID YOU NOT,  
2    MR. CHAIRMAN?

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4    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES, I DID. AND MR. SACHS SIGNED UP FOR  
5    NUMBER 2 HERE.

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7    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WITH A SOLAR PANEL, I PRESUME? [LAUGHTER.]  
8    THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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10   **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD MORNING AGAIN. ARNOLD SACHS. ALTHOUGH I  
11   APPLAUD THE COUNTY'S ACTIONS TO BECOME MORE ENERGY EFFICIENT,  
12   I'M CONCERNED JUST BECAUSE OF SOME OF THE THINGS THAT ARE  
13   HAPPENING AGAIN IN THE CITY OF L.A. THEY'RE ALSO VERY  
14   CONCERNED ABOUT GOING GREEN. AND THEY ARE LOOKING TO PUT ON A  
15   BALLOT MEASURE REGARDING ENERGY EFFICIENCY. THE PROBLEM WITH  
16   THEIR BALLOT MEASURE IS THAT ONLY THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND  
17   POWER WORKERS WILL BE THE PEOPLE THAT WILL BE ABLE TO INSTALL  
18   THE SOLAR PANELS ON THE CITY BUILDINGS, WHICH IS THE MOST  
19   EXPENSIVE LABOR THAT THE CITY HAS. I'D HOPE THAT THE COUNTY'S  
20   MOVE TOWARDS SOLAR WILL BE MORE OPEN. I'D ALSO LIKE TO POINT  
21   OUT THAT THERE WAS A STORY IN THE AUTOMOTIVE SECTION OF THE  
22   "DAILY BREEZE" REGARDING FUEL EFFICIENCY AND BIODEGRADABLE  
23   FUELS AND THE FACT THAT THEY ARE LESS EFFICIENT MILES-WISE.  
24   AND THEY PRODUCE OTHER FORMS OF POLLUTANTS. AND IN ADDITION,  
25   BY USING CORN AND VEGETABLE PRODUCTS FOR FUEL, IT COULD CREATE



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1 A CRISIS REGARDING FOOD CONSUMPTION. TO GO TOO FAR OVERBOARD  
2 IN ONE DIRECTION WOULD BE SIMILAR AS WHAT HAPPENED BACK WHEN  
3 THE ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENT FIRST STARTED BACK IN THE '70S  
4 WHERE EVERYBODY SAID WE NEED TO GET RID OF ALL THE PAPER BAGS  
5 BECAUSE THEY'RE EATING UP THE FOREST, THE TREES ARE BEING  
6 DESTROYED. SO WE WENT TO PLASTIC. AND THERE WAS NO-- NOW WE'RE  
7 DEALING WITH THE FALLOUT FROM THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF PLASTIC,  
8 WHERE NOW IT BECOMES THE ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARD ALL ITS OWN. SO  
9 WHATEVER'S DONE SHOULD MAYBE HAVE A FORECAST AS TO WHAT WILL  
10 HAPPEN MAYBE 20 YEARS DOWN THE LINE REGARDING ALL THESE  
11 IMPLEMENTATIONS. AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND YOUR  
12 ANSWERS.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AND AT SOME POINT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO  
15 COMPARE US AT THE CITY OF L.A. WE ARE VISIONARIES HERE.  
16 [LAUGHTER.] THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. THE CHAIR WILL MOVE THE  
17 ITEM AS AMENDED. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY WILL SECOND THE  
18 MOTION. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T THINK SO. I'M DONE. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SEVERAL ADJOURNING MOTIONS,  
23 FIRST OF ALL THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MR. JOE AJA, WHO WAS  
24 BORN IN ARIZONA, PASSED AWAY AT HIS HOME IN LA HABRA HEIGHTS.  
25 HE WAS 84, WAS A VETERAN OF WORLD WAR II, SERVED PROUDLY IN



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1 THE UNITED STATES ARMY. HE LANDED ON OMAHA BEACH ON D- DAY AS  
2 A COMBAT ENGINEER. HE WAS WOUNDED DURING THAT BATTLE AND WAS  
3 AWARDED THE PURPLE HEART. JOE ATTENDED COMPTON JUNIOR COLLEGE  
4 AND U.S.C. HE WORKED FOR THE COUNTY ENGINEER, NOW PUBLIC  
5 WORKS, IN THE SURVEY DIVISION AND LATER THE WATER WORKS  
6 DIVISION. JOE RETIRED FROM THE COUNTY IN 1984 AFTER 32 YEARS  
7 OF SERVICE. HE WAS A DEVOTED HUSBAND, FATHER AND GRANDFATHER.  
8 JOE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF OVER 60 YEARS TONI, DAUGHTER  
9 TERESA, TWO GRANDCHILDREN, JACK AND SARAH, SISTER CARMEN, AND  
10 BROTHER EDWARD. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF TERRY BAKER,  
11 A VERY ACTIVE MEMBER WITH THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, HE PASSED  
12 AWAY THE DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS AT THE AGE OF 64. HE WAS A LONG  
13 TIME LAKEWOOD RESIDENT, ATTENDED LONG BEACH CITY AND CAL STATE  
14 LONG BEACH. VERY ACTIVE IN THE JAYCEES. HE WAS KNOWN FOR, HE  
15 HAD A DISTINCTIVE WHITE HANDLEBAR MUSTACHE THAT WE ALL  
16 RECOGNIZED. HE HAD A GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR. HE WILL BE MISSED  
17 BY MANY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 27 YEARS, PAM, AND TWO  
18 DAUGHTERS, VICTORIA AND ROSEANNE. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN  
19 MEMORY OF HATSUKO ISHIHARA WHO PASSED AWAY IN HAWAII ON  
20 JANUARY 3RD. SHE IS THE MOTHER OF MY "FIRST FIVE"  
21 COMMISSIONER, Nanci Au. SHE WILL BE SORELY MISSED BY HER  
22 FAMILY AND FRIENDS. HATSUKO IS SURVIVED BY FOUR DAUGHTERS, 10  
23 GRANDCHILDREN AND 18 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN  
24 IN MEMORY OF ALEX MAREFOS. HE WAS THE NEPHEW OF ANGIE  
25 PAPADAKIS, MY APPOINTEE TO THE LOS ANGELES BOARD OF EDUCATION.



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1 ALEX GRADUATED FROM SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY, WORKED FOR  
2 THE COMMERCE CLEARINGHOUSE IN SAN FRANCISCO. HE WAS WORKING  
3 FOR THE OFFICE OF EDUCATION IN SACRAMENTO. HE WAS LOVED BY  
4 ALL, ESPECIALLY HIS FAMILY. HE WILL BE SORELY MISSED. HE IS  
5 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE DIANA AND HIS PARENTS, KATHERINE AND TED.  
6 ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF NORMA MIDONI, WHO RECENTLY  
7 PASSED AWAY. SHE IS A LONG TIME FRIEND OF OUR FAMILY. SHE AND  
8 HER HUSBAND ANGELO HAD JUST BEEN DEAR FRIENDS OVER THE YEARS.  
9 SHE WAS DOING GREAT AND JUST HAD A SUDDEN RELAPSE. BUT OUR  
10 THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO ANGELO AND TWO SONS. SHE WILL  
11 BE SORELY MISSED BY US ALL. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF  
12 AMELIA PEREZ OF PARAMOUNT, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 89.  
13 SHE WORKED AS A NURSE'S AIDE AT RANCHO FOR 13 YEARS. SHE LOVED  
14 TO COOK FOR HER FAMILY AND ALWAYS HAD FRESH TORTILLAS MADE.  
15 SHE WAS A WARM CHEERFUL PERSON WHO WILL BE MISSED. SHE IS  
16 SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND JOSE, DAUGHTERS VIVIAN AND ELLEN, SIX  
17 GRANDCHILDREN AND EIGHT GRANDCHILDREN. I WILL MOVE THOSE  
18 ADJOURNMENTS. SO ORDERED. I DON'T BELIEVE I THINK-- AM I  
19 HOLDING ANYTHING ELSE? OKAY. I'LL CALL UP ITEM 14. AND WE HAVE  
20 THE DEPARTMENT-- I'M GOING TO READ IN AN AMENDMENT TO ITEM 14.  
21 HOPEFULLY THERE'S SOME PEOPLE FROM THE DEPARTMENT HERE. IN ITS  
22 FIRST TWO RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE NON-COUNTY PHYSICIAN  
23 INDIGENT CARE REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM, OR P.S.I.P., THE  
24 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTS AUTHORIZATION TO CUT  
25 THE INITIAL REIMBURSEMENT RATE TO 27 PERCENT OF THE FEE



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1 SCHEDULE, EQUIVALENT TO WHAT MEDI-CAL WOULD PAY. I JUST  
2 RELUCTANTLY SUPPORT THIS DUE TO THE IMMEDIATE FINANCIAL  
3 NECESSITY AND THAT WOULD BE THE ONLY REASON. THE THIRD  
4 RECOMMENDATION ASKS FOR A DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR UP TO FIVE  
5 YEARS TO CUT THE INITIAL REIMBURSEMENT AS LOW AS 25 PERCENT,  
6 EVEN LESS THAN MEDI-CAL WITHOUT HAVING TO BRING THAT ISSUE  
7 BACK BEFORE THIS BOARD. THERE IS NO IMMEDIATE NECESSITY FOR  
8 THIS. AND I CANNOT SUPPORT IT WITHOUT MORE INFORMATION. AND  
9 FIVE YEARS IS A LONG TIME, AND FAR MORE TRANSPARENCY. OUR  
10 EMERGENCY CARE IS ESSENTIAL. EXPERTS CONTINUE TO TELL US HOW  
11 FRAGILE IT IS. WHO KNOWS HOW FRAGILE IT MAYBE IN FIVE YEARS.  
12 EMERGENCY PROVIDERS ESPECIALLY DEPEND UPON GOVERNMENT  
13 REIMBURSEMENT BECAUSE UNDER FEDERAL LAW-- AND IS MY STAFF  
14 PASSING THIS MOTION OUT, PLEASE? EMERGENCY PROVIDERS  
15 ESPECIALLY DEPEND UPON GOVERNMENT REIMBURSEMENT BECAUSE OF  
16 UNDER FEDERAL LAW, THEY'RE THE ONLY PROVIDERS THAT CANNOT TURN  
17 PATIENTS IN NEED AWAY BECAUSE OF THEIR INABILITY TO PAY FOR  
18 THE SERVICES. SO I'M DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT NOT INADVERTENTLY  
19 CUT SO DEEP AS TO CALL EMERGENCY SERVICE PROVIDERS TO CLOSE UP  
20 SHOP. I WOULD MOVE, THEN, THAT THIS BOARD, ONE, APPROVE  
21 RECOMMENDATIONS 1 AND 2 AS PROPOSED AND, TWO, CONTINUE  
22 RECOMMENDATION 3 FOR FOUR WEEKS TO ALLOW THE C.E.O. AND THE  
23 INTERIM DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICE TO REPORT BACK ON, A, THE  
24 IMPACT THAT A REDUCTION IN THE P.S.I.P. REIMBURSEMENT RATE  
25 BELOW WHAT MEDI-CAL PAYS MAY HAVE ON THE AVAILABILITY OF



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1 EMERGENCY SERVICES, IN COMBINATION WITH OTHER CURRENT AND  
2 ANTICIPATED DEVELOPMENTS IN HEALTHCARE REIMBURSEMENT. B,  
3 ALTERNATIVES FOR THE BOARD TO CONSIDER TO ACROSS-THE-BOARD  
4 REDUCTIONS IN PROVISION REIMBURSEMENT RATES, WHICH COULD MORE  
5 EFFECTIVELY PRESERVE SUCH SERVICES OR MAYBE NOT. AND, C,  
6 PROCEDURES TO FIRST FULLY AIR BEFORE THE PUBLIC, PRIOR TO  
7 PRESENTING IT TO THE BOARD, THE NEED FOR ANY FUTURE PROPOSAL  
8 TO LOWER THE P.S.I.P. REIMBURSEMENT RATES BELOW THE MEDI-CAL  
9 THRESHOLD OF 27 PERCENT. I WOULD JUST ASK IF THE DEPARTMENT  
10 WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON MY MOTION? OBVIOUSLY WE'VE HEARD  
11 TESTIMONY MONTH AFTER MONTH, YEAR AFTER YEAR, WE'VE GOT THE  
12 WHOLE ISSUE OF M.L.K. AND THE IMPACTS. I'M GRAVELY CONCERNED  
13 ABOUT THIS AND RELUCTANTLY SUPPORT THE REDUCTION, BUT IN NO  
14 WAY COULD SUPPORT ALLOWING THE DEPARTMENT TO HAVE UP TO FIVE  
15 YEARS' AUTHORITY TO REDUCE IT BELOW MEDI-CAL.

16

17 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** WE'RE OKAY WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR. WE'LL BE  
18 HAPPY TO COME BACK WITH A REPORT AND EXPLAIN THAT THE OVERALL  
19 PICTURE. I THINK WE'RE VERY COMFORTABLE WITH THE IDEA THAT  
20 PARTICULARLY IF THE RATE SHOULD BE GOING BELOW THE MEDI-CAL  
21 RATE, THAT WE NEED TO HAVE MUCH MORE PUBLIC DISCUSSION ABOUT  
22 THAT.

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I MEAN WITH THAT REPORT BACK, I DON'T  
2    HAVE IT RUNNING BY OUR HOSPITAL COMMISSION, AS WELL, TOO.  
3    OKAY, WITH THAT AMENDMENT.

4

5    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT DOES THE AMENDMENT ACTUALLY DO THAT  
6    DIFFERS FROM THE ORIGINAL RECOMMENDATION?

7

8    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IT ALLOWS THEM TO GO FORWARD ON THE  
9    REDUCTION.

10

11    **CAROL MEYER:** HOLDS ON THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY.

12

13    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DOES IT GO DOWN TO 25 PERCENT?

14

15    **CAROL MEYER:** NO.

16

17    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** 27. IT GOES DOWN TO 27. IT HOLDS ON THE  
18    25 PERCENT OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

19

20    **CAROL MEYER:** RIGHT.

21

22    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** PART OF THE MOTION. THE SECOND PART OF  
23    IT WAS TO GIVE THEM DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR FIVE YEARS THAT  
24    THEY COULD REDUCE IT EVEN 2 PERCENT BELOW MEDI-CAL AND THAT'S  
25    THE PIECE I'M HOLDING.





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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHY DID YOU RECOMMEND THAT IF YOU'RE OKAY  
3 WITHOUT HAVING IT?

4

5 **CAROL MEYER:** BECAUSE WE'RE LOOKING AT THE TRENDS. AND WITH THE  
6 INCREASING NUMBER OF CLAIMS FOR THIS PROGRAM AND THE  
7 INCREASING NUMBER OF PHYSICIANS THAT ARE ENROLLING IN THIS  
8 PROGRAM, IT IS LIKELY THAT THE FUNDING IN THE FUTURE WILL NOT  
9 BE ADEQUATE TO MAINTAIN THE 27 PERCENT. NOW, THE BOARD HAS  
10 BEEN INCREDIBLE IN SUPPORTING ALL THE VARIOUS LEGISLATIVE  
11 MEASURES THAT HAVE PROVIDED FUNDING FOR THIS PROGRAM FOR  
12 PRIVATE SECTOR PHYSICIANS. YOU EVEN, YOU REMEMBER SEVERAL  
13 YEARS AGO, ALLOCATED SOME MEASURE B DOLLARS FOR THE TRAUMA  
14 PHYSICIAN PROGRAM. THE BOARD HAS DONE A TREMENDOUS JOB IN  
15 SUPPORTING THIS PROGRAM, BUT WE ONLY HAVE SO MANY DOLLARS. AND  
16 SO AS THE CLAIMS GROW AND AS THE NUMBER OF PHYSICIANS  
17 ENROLLING, AND CERTAINLY WITH THE ECONOMIC STATUS TODAY, MORE  
18 PEOPLE FALLING INTO THE REALM OF UNINSURED, THE CHANCES ARE  
19 THAT OUR FUNDING IS NOT GOING TO BE ADEQUATE.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND AT THAT POINT IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE  
22 AUTHORITY TO LOWER IT, WHAT HAPPENS?

23

24 **CAROL MEYER:** WE'LL HAVE TO COME BACK TO THE BOARD THEN AT THAT  
25 TIME.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** TO DO WHAT? TO ASK US TO GIVE YOU THE  
3 AUTHORITY TO LOWER IT?

4

5 **CAROL MEYER:** ASK YOU TO LOWER IT AGAIN.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT IF WE DON'T LOWER IT?

8

9 **CAROL MEYER:** THEN WE WILL RUN OUT OF MONEY. SO IN A YEAR, WE  
10 TRY TO PROJECT THINGS ON--

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL OF OUR RECIPIENTS WILL RUN OUT OF MONEY.  
13 DO I UNDERSTAND THIS CORRECTLY? I MAY NOT. BUT I UNDERSTAND  
14 THE REASON YOU WANT THE AUTHORITY TO LOWER IT IS TO EXTEND THE  
15 LIFE OF-- TO KEEP EVERYBODY, GIVE EVERYBODY THE LION'S SHARE  
16 OF WHAT THEY'RE EXPECTING EVEN IF IT'S NOT 100 PERCENT OF WHAT  
17 THEY'RE EXPECTING RATHER THAN HAVE THE WHOLE THING COLLAPSE?  
18 SOMEBODY GO WITHOUT 100 PERCENT OF ANYTHING?

19

20 **CAROL MEYER:** RIGHT. SO THAT EVERYBODY GETS SOMETHING PAID ON  
21 THEIR CLAIM. AND THEN WHAT WE DO AT THE END OF THE YEAR,  
22 DEPENDING UPON IF WE PAY OUT 25 PERCENT OR CURRENTLY 27  
23 PERCENT, IF WE HAVE A LOT OF MONEY LEFT IN THE END, WE  
24 ACTUALLY DO A RAISE UP. SO WE EXPEND ALMOST EVERY CENT WE CAN  
25 IN THIS PROGRAM. BUT WE ALSO DON'T WANT TO PUT THE BOARD IN A



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1 POSITION TO WHERE WE RUN OUT OF MONEY AT THE END OF A FISCAL  
2 YEAR AND DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TO PAY SOME DOCTORS.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT IS THE CURRENT RATE, REIMBURSEMENT  
5 RATE?

6

7 **CAROL MEYER:** THE CURRENT IS 29 PERCENT OF THE OFFICIAL.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THIS WOULD DROP IT TO 27 PERCENT. EFFECTIVE  
10 WHEN? NOW.

11

12 **CAROL MEYER:** NOW, ACTUALLY TO CLAIMS THAT STARTED AT THE  
13 BEGINNING OF THIS FISCAL YEAR.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** TO JULY 1ST?

16

17 **CAROL MEYER:** THAT'S CORRECT.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND IT WILL LAST HOW LONG, THIS 27 PERCENT  
20 RATE?

21

22 **CAROL MEYER:** IT WILL LAST THROUGH THIS FISCAL YEAR AND THEN  
23 GOING INTO THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR WE WILL LOOK AT CLAIMS PAID  
24 FOR THE LAST TWO FISCAL YEARS AND SEE WHAT THE TREND IS. AND  
25 IF WE'RE FEARFUL THAT BASED ON INCREASED ENROLLMENT AND



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1 CLAIMS, THAT WE'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE ENOUGH MONEY, WE WOULD  
2 LOWER IT TO 25.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE EFFECT OF SUPERVISOR KNABE'S MOTION TO  
5 ENSURE THAT THE BOARD WILL ACT ON ANY FURTHER REDUCTIONS IN  
6 THE REIMBURSEMENT RATE BEYOND THE 27 PERCENT, BELOW THE 27  
7 PERCENT.

8

9 **CAROL MEYER:** YEAH, DEFER THAT.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CORRECT.

12

13 **CAROL MEYER:** THAT'S FINE. WE COULD DEFER THAT AND WE COULD  
14 COME BACK TO YOU.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NOT NECESSARILY DEFERRING IT. IT'S A  
17 REPORT BACK TO WHAT OUR ACTIONS ARE. AND IF YOU LOOK AT MY  
18 MOTION, RIGHT.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE'RE LOWERING THE RATE.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE'RE LOWERING THE RATE TO 27 BUT THE 25  
23 PERCENT PIECE WE'VE ASKED FOR A REPORT BACK ON VARIOUS  
24 OPTIONS.

25



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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT IT'S ALSO REVOKING THE DELEGATED  
2   AUTHORITY, SO THERE'S MORE TO IT THAN A REPORT BACK, WHICH IS  
3   FINE. I HEAR WHAT YOU'RE DOING AND I SUPPORT IT. I JUST WANT  
4   TO MAKE SURE WE ARE NOT CAUGHT IN A SITUATION WHERE WE DON'T  
5   HAVE ANY MONEY.

6

7   **CAROL MEYER:** NO. THE 27 PERCENT HELPS US THROUGH WHAT WE NEED  
8   NOW.

9

10   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** GOT YOU. I'M FINE.

11

12   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THEN THAT ITEM IS BEFORE US, AS AMENDED  
13   BY MYSELF. I'LL MOVE IT. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA.  
14   WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. I BELIEVE THAT'S ALL THE ITEMS  
15   THAT I HAVE HELD, IS THAT CORRECT? SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

16

17   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY IN  
18   MEMORY OF WILLIAM "BILL" BRADY WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF  
19   88. HE WAS A DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES. HE  
20   SERVED IN WORLD WAR II AND RECEIVED THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING  
21   CROSS, TWO CLUSTERS, TWO SILVER STARS, THE AIR MEDAL WITH SIX  
22   CLUSTERS, THE NAVY COMMENDATION MEDAL. HE WAS ALSO CALLED TO  
23   ACTIVE DUTY AND SERVED IN THE KOREAN CONFLICT. HE WAS EMPLOYED  
24   AT LOCKHEED WHERE HE WAS PRESIDENT OF THE LOCKHEED RETIREMENT  
25   CLUB AND A LIFE MEMBER OF THE V.F.W. 3552. RUTH HESS, FORMER



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1 PROFESSOR AT CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY LOS ANGELES. SERGEANT  
2 MARION BOHANNON, JR., LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
3 RETIRED AND SERGEANT LAWRENCE "PAT" CLEARY, RETIRED LOS  
4 ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. LAURA LYNN THORNBURY,  
5 EDUCATOR AT FREEMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WHERE SHE TAUGHT FOURTH  
6 GRADE AND SIXTH GRADE IN GLENDALE. NOLAN DARRELL NEGAARD,  
7 EDUCATOR WHO TAUGHT AT HIGH SCHOOL IN PALMDALE FOR 23 YEARS.  
8 ANDREW PORTER FROM THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WHERE HE WORKED  
9 AT I.S.D. FOR OVER 20 YEARS AND WAS ALSO SERGEANT IN THE  
10 UNITED STATES ARMY DURING WORLD WAR II. JIMMY RODGERS, WHO  
11 WORKED FOR THE FACILITIES MANAGEMENT AND ALSO WAS INVOLVED  
12 WITH THE L.A.C.+U.S..C MEDICAL CENTER. FRANCES LORETTA SNELL  
13 WHO WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER, PAST OFFICER OF THE COVINA VALLEY  
14 BOARD OF REALTORS FOR 47 YEARS, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 91.  
15 LENA SULPI, LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF PALMDALE IN THE ANTELOPE  
16 VALLEY. HENRY WILLIAM "BILL" WALSMAS, WHO WAS A MEMBER OF THE  
17 ARMED FORCES IN THE KOREAN WAR AND LATER FOUNDED WALSMAS OIL  
18 COMPANY. SAMMY LEE DIVINE, COMMUNITY LEADER INVOLVED WITH  
19 COMMUNITY SERVICE AND VOLUNTEERING WITH OUR YOUTH IN WORKING  
20 WITH PROGRAMS TO PREVENT GANG VIOLENCE AND DRUG ABUSE. THOSE  
21 ARE MY ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

22  
23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.



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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON 44-E, MR. CHAIRMAN, I WOULD JUST LIKE TO  
2   REQUEST THAT IN 1991, I HAD A MOTION THAT DIRECTED THE  
3   REGISTRAR-RECORDER TO PROVIDE PROPERTY OWNERS WITH EARLY  
4   NOTICE OF ATTEMPTED TRANSFERS. AND AS A RESULT OF THAT,  
5   SENATOR WATSON'S LEGISLATION WAS ADOPTED IN 1993, WHICH  
6   ALLOWED THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER TO CHARGE THAT FEE ON CERTAIN  
7   DOCUMENTS TO FUND THE EXISTING REAL ESTATE FRAUD NOTIFICATION  
8   PROGRAM. AND I WOULD JUST LIKE TO ENSURE THAT THE C.E.O. WOULD  
9   REPORT TO US ON HOW THE REAL ESTATE FRAUD PROGRAM MENTIONED IN  
10   THE 44-E WILL BE SUPPORTED SO THAT IT DOES NOT DIMINISH THE  
11   EFFECTIVENESS OF THE EXISTING REAL ESTATE FRAUD PROTECTION  
12   PROGRAM THAT WE ADOPTED IN 1993. SO I'LL SECOND THE MOTION.

13

14   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SECOND THE MOTION. COME BACK WITH THAT.

15

16   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT IS.

17

18   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DID YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS ON IT?

19

20   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I DO.

21

22   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

23

24   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT'S WELL WORTH NOTICING THE FACT, MR.  
25   CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES, THAT 2006 HERE IN THIS COUNTY THERE





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1 WERE 3,100 FORECLOSURES. 2007, 1400-- 14,000, RATHER, ALMOST  
2 15,000. AND BY THE END OF LAST YEAR, THERE WERE LITERALLY  
3 35,000 FORECLOSURES IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. I HAVE LONG  
4 BEEN VERY CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT IS APPROPRIATELY DESCRIBED AS  
5 PREDATORY LENDING PRACTICES. AND UNREGULATED FINANCIAL  
6 INSTRUMENTS CONTRIBUTING TO THE COLLAPSE OF THE MORTGAGE  
7 FINANCE AND REAL ESTATE INDUSTRIES. THIS IS HUGE, AS ALL OF US  
8 WELL KNOW. YOU MIGHT APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT IN OUR  
9 RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS, MR. CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES, THE  
10 DISTRIBUTION OF THE CRISIS, 1 THROUGH 5, EACH DISTRICT HAS  
11 EXPERIENCED HUGE INCREASES, AND I'D BE GLAD TO SHARE THAT WITH  
12 YOU RATHER SPECIFICALLY IF YOU ARE INTERESTED. I THANK YOU FOR  
13 THE AMENDMENT, MR. ANTONOVICH. WE TAKE NOTE OF THE OTHER  
14 AMENDMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN CALLED TO OUR ATTENTION. THEY ARE IN  
15 THE CURRENT DOCUMENT BEFORE YOU THAT INCLUDES THE REPORT BACK  
16 IN TWO WEEKS AS WELL AS INCLUDING FORECLOSURE PREVENTION  
17 OPTIONS AND RESOURCES. THOSE INSIGHTS MAKE IT A BETTER MOTION.  
18 AND I'M PLEASED TO HAVE THIS GO FORWARD AT THIS POINT.

19  
20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. MOTION AS AMENDED IS BEFORE  
21 US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
22 ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THAT IS 44-E, IS  
23 THAT CORRECT?

24  
25 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES.



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2     **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** 44-E.

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4     **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ANYTHING ELSE?

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6     **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

7

8     **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ONE MOTION THAT I FORGOT TO READ IN, IT  
9     JUST CAME TO OUR ATTENTION, MR. COUNTY COUNSEL, EARLY THIS  
10    MORNING, OR LATE YESTERDAY, AND IT REQUIRES AN ACTION, BUT I'M  
11    GOING TO READ IT AND THEN HOPEFULLY YOU CAN FIND A SENSE OF  
12    URGENCY. WE WERE RECENTLY, THIS MORNING, ACTUALLY, MADE AWARE  
13    OF A PROPOSAL BEING MADE BY THE STATE TO DELAY PAYMENTS TO  
14    COUNTIES. DEPENDING UPON HOW THE PROPOSAL IS DRAFTED AND HOW  
15    MANY PROGRAMS ARE AFFECTED, THIS COULD HAVE A SIGNIFICANT  
16    IMPACT ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS OF OUR COUNTY  
17    DEPARTMENTS, PARTICULARLY THOSE IN THE SOCIAL SERVICE. SINCE  
18    THIS IS A PROPOSAL IS THAT IS BEING CARRIED OUT IN THE PAST,  
19    THOUGH APPARENTLY NOT TO THE DEGREE THAT WE HEAR IS BEING  
20    PROPOSED, I WANT TO ENSURE THAT THE COST TO THE COUNTY FOR  
21    MAINTAINING STATE MANDATED SERVICES IS MINIMIZED TO THE  
22    GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE. I ALSO WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT  
23    THIS BOARD OPPOSED ANY SUCH PROPOSAL. SO I WOULD MOVE THAT  
24    THIS BOARD OPPOSE ANY PROPOSAL THAT DELAYS PAYMENTS TO THE  
25    COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND THAT THE C.E.O. REPORT BACK IN ONE



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1 WEEK ON ANY POTENTIAL IMPACT OF THIS PROPOSAL TO DELAY  
2 PAYMENTS TO COUNTIES FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. AND WHEN I  
3 SAY BACK IN ONE WEEK, I UNDERSTAND THAT WE DON'T HAVE A  
4 MEETING NEXT WEEK, BUT I DON'T WANT TO WAIT TWO WEEKS TO TAKE  
5 THIS ACTION. SO THE CHAIR WOULD MOVE A SENSE OF URGENCY. IF I  
6 CAN GET A SECOND ON THAT.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. I  
9 WOULD MOVE MY MOTION, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.  
10 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THANK YOU. OKAY. FIRST  
11 DISTRICT, YOUR ADJOURNMENTS, MOTIONS?

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** I HAVE NO AN ADJOURNMENTS,. AND I DO HAVE TWO  
14 ITEMS THAT I DID HOLD. ONE OF THEM IS ITEM NUMBER 9. THIS IS  
15 AN ITEM IN WHICH WE ARE APPROVING A CONTRACT-- AND I WAS  
16 CONCERNED LAST WEEK AND I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO THE  
17 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES-- A CONTRACT WHICH  
18 IS BASICALLY AN EXPENSIVE CONTRACT TO KIND OF BE A CHECKLIST  
19 FOR SAFETY MEASURES AND RISK ASSESSMENTS FOR THE CHILDREN  
20 BEFORE DETERMINATIONS ARE MADE AS TO WHETHER TO REMOVE A CHILD  
21 OR PROVIDE EXTENSIVE SERVICES TO OUR CHILDREN. AND OF COURSE I  
22 WASN'T PLANNING ON BEING AS IMPRESSED AS I WAS WHEN I DID GET  
23 TO SEE THE PROGRAMS. AND I'M NOT ONLY IMPRESSED WITH THE  
24 PROGRAM ITSELF AND THE KIND OF CAPABILITIES THAT IT PROVIDES  
25 US, BUT FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY GO BEYOND WHAT IT IS



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1 BEING UTILIZED FOR BECAUSE OF THE CAPABILITY THIS PARTICULAR  
2 PROGRAM HAS. WHAT WAS OUTSTANDING ABOUT IT IN MANY RESPECTS IS  
3 THE ABILITY TO EVALUATE ON VARIOUS LEVELS ALL OF THE RISK  
4 ASSESSMENTS, CREATE SORT OF A TEMPLATE OF THE KINDS OF ISSUES  
5 THAT A SOCIAL WORKER SHOULD AT LEAST ASSESS, EVALUATE AND  
6 QUESTION. AND AS TRISH TOLD ME, IT WAS ONE OF THE TOOLS THAT  
7 IS USED BESIDES THEIR OWN BASIC INSTINCT, TRAINING AND  
8 EXPERIENCE. AND IT ALSO HAS THE ABILITY TO DO IT ON VARIOUS  
9 LEVELS, WHETHER IT BE IMMEDIATE OR LONG-TERM. AND AS I WAS  
10 GOING THROUGH THE PROGRAM, BECAUSE I CERTAINLY THOUGHT IF  
11 NOTHING ELSE, IT SHOULD BE TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE, IT REALLY  
12 EXPANDED BEYOND EVERY SINGLE OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY UTILIZE  
13 THIS PROGRAM ON SO MANY LEVELS. BUT AT LEAST FOR CHILDREN  
14 SERVICES NOW, IT HAS AN EXTENSIVE, WELL THOUGHT OUT PROGRAM  
15 THAT IS JUST BARELY BEGINNING TO BE UTILIZED FOR WHAT IT HAS  
16 THE CAPABILITY OF BEING UTILIZED FOR. WHAT WAS SO VERY  
17 IMPRESSIVE-- AND I THINK THAT IF ANY OF YOU EVER GET A CHANCE  
18 TO GO THROUGH THIS PROGRAM, I THINK YOU SHOULD-- ONE OF THE  
19 THINGS THAT WE SHOULD KNOW IS THAT WE KNOW WHERE OUR CHILDREN  
20 ARE AT ALL TIMES, WHICH IS FABULOUS. EVEN DURING THE FIRES  
21 THAT WE HAD THROUGHOUT THE THIRD AND THE FIFTH DISTRICTS, THEY  
22 COULD ISOLATE BY PUTTING IN THOSE ADDRESSES OF WHERE THOSE  
23 FIRES WERE AT AND IDENTIFY WHERE OUR CHILDREN WERE SO THAT IF  
24 THEY NEED BE TO BE EVACUATED, WE WERE TAKING OWNERSHIP AND  
25 RESPONSIBILITY AND MAKING SURE THAT THOSE CHILDREN WERE



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1 BROUGHT TO SAFETY. SO THIS IS A PROGRAM THAT REALLY MERITS AN  
2 AWFUL LOT OF ACCOLADES. BUT I THINK THE OTHER PART THAT WAS  
3 VERY IMPRESSIVE FOR ME WAS THE COMMAND OF THIS PROGRAM BY OUR  
4 STAFF, BY TRISH AND HER LEADERSHIP. I MEAN USUALLY, YOU KNOW,  
5 YOU ASK A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS AND A LOT FALLS BETWEEN THE  
6 CRACKS. I THOUGHT THAT THIS IS VERY, VERY IMPRESSIVE AS TO HOW  
7 THEY HAVE COMMANDED THIS PROGRAM, HOW THEY ARE EXPANDING  
8 OPPORTUNITIES TO UTILIZE OTHER ASPECTS OF THE PROGRAM, HOW  
9 THEY'RE EXPLORING AS TO OTHER CAPABILITIES. AND MORE SO THE  
10 ACCOUNTABILITY ASPECTS, WHICH I THINK ARE GOING TO BE  
11 TREMENDOUS, BECAUSE A BIG PART OF WHAT WE NEED TO DO IS LIKE  
12 IN ANY OF THESE DECISIONS, EVEN IN MOST PROFESSIONAL  
13 DECISIONS, THERE'S NOTHING BETTER THAN HAVING ANOTHER POINT OF  
14 VIEW OR A SECOND OPINION. AND I THINK THAT THIS LENDS ITSELF  
15 FOR SUPERVISORS TO BE MORE CAPABLE OF CHECKING AND REVIEWING  
16 SOME OF THE WORK THAT STAFF HAVE DONE, BUILDING BETTER SKILLS  
17 WITH THEM WHEN YOU SEE THINGS THAT ARE NOT THE BEST DECISIONS,  
18 BUT A GOOD DECISION NONETHELESS. SO TRYING TO FIND ALL THOSE  
19 WAYS. SO I POINT THIS OUT BECAUSE THIS PROGRAM WAS SO  
20 EFFECTIVE, I HAD TO COMMEND THE DEPARTMENT. I WAS INITIALLY  
21 SKEPTIC. I WAS VERY WORRIED. I HAD CONCERNS. BECAUSE WE DO  
22 LOSE CHILDREN FROM TIME TO TIME. AND YOU'D THINK THAT IF YOU  
23 HAVE A PROGRAM OF THIS TYPE, WHAT WENT WRONG BEFORE? AND OF  
24 COURSE WE KNOW THERE'S HUMAN ERROR ON ANYTHING THAT WE DO, NO  
25 MATTER HOW CAPABLE A COMPUTERIZED PROGRAM IS. BUT I WAS



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1 IMPRESSED THAT WE HAVE A DEPARTMENT THAT IS UTILIZING A  
2 PROGRAM, MAKING AND PREPARING OUR STAFF TO BE TRAINED AND  
3 USEFUL WITH IT, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY GOING BEYOND THE  
4 LIMITATIONS OF THIS PROGRAM AND EXPANDING. WHAT WAS EXCITING,  
5 AS WELL, IS AS WE EMBARK ON ONE OF THE OTHER PROGRAMS THAT  
6 WE'RE LOOKING AT, AND THAT IS OUR WHOLE GANG PREVENTION, GANG  
7 INITIATIVE THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE UTILIZING, THIS IS THE KIND  
8 OF PROGRAM THAT WILL BE VERY, VERY VALUABLE BECAUSE OF THE  
9 EXTENSIVENESS OF THIS KIND OF PROGRAM TO FIND OUT EXACTLY  
10 WHERE OUR CHILDREN ARE. ONE OF THE BIGGEST PROBLEMS WE HAVE IN  
11 PROBATION IS OUR AFTER CARE PROGRAM WHERE WE DON'T KNOW  
12 NECESSARILY. WE ARE TOLD AT ONE POINT IN TIME THAT A CHILD'S  
13 GOING TO GO BACK INTO THIS HIGH SCHOOL, THIS JUNIOR HIGH  
14 SCHOOL. THIS YOU HAVE ABILITY TO AT LEAST TRACK IT IN A VERY  
15 POSITIVE WAY, IN A WAY TO REALLY START UTILIZING THAT  
16 INFORMATION TO REALLY PROVIDE THE KIND OF GUIDANCE AND  
17 ASSISTANCE THAT SOMETIMES WITH MANY OF OUR KIDS THAT HAVE GONE  
18 THROUGH OUR CAMPS HAVE JUST NOT HAD. SO I JUST WANTED TO  
19 COMMEND YOU, TRISH, AND YOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE FOLKS THAT  
20 WERE THERE THAT DAY BECAUSE I THOUGHT THEY WERE VERY  
21 OUTSTANDING. IT'S WELL THOUGHT OUT, WELL DONE. AND I THINK  
22 THAT IN THE COMING MONTHS AND YEARS YOU'RE GOING TO BE  
23 UTILIZING IT EVEN MORE. SO I THINK THAT THIS IS GOING TO BRING  
24 GREAT SAFETY TO OUR CHILDREN. AND I ALSO THINK IT'S GOING TO  
25 BRING A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR WHAT I THINK SHOULD ALWAYS HAVE





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1 BEEN THERE, AND THAT IS TO GET BETTER CONTROL, BETTER  
2 MANAGEMENT, BETTER OPPORTUNITIES TO DO SOME FORECASTING IF  
3 THERE IS SUCH A THING, IN THIS KIND OF AREA OF CHILD ABUSE AND  
4 NEGLECT. BUT EVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY DO SOME REALLY  
5 PLANNING ISSUES OF HOW WE CAN, BY LOOKING AT TRENDS, BY  
6 UNDERSTANDING WHERE CHILDREN ARE BEING SEPARATED BY THEIR  
7 PARENTS AND SO ON SO WE CAN PUT THE KIND OF SUPPORTIVE  
8 SERVICES THAT IN MANY INSTANCES PREVENT THOSE CHILDREN FROM  
9 BEING SEPARATED FROM THEIR PARENTS SO THAT WE CAN GET AHEAD OF  
10 IT AND REALLY START MAYBE-- I KNOW THIS IS A DEPARTMENT THAT  
11 UNFORTUNATELY WE DEAL WITH CHILDREN ONCE THEY ARE ABUSED OR  
12 NEGLECTED. BUT IF THERE EVER IS THAT WE COULD GET A HANDLE ON  
13 ALL OF THAT AND GET TO THE LEVEL OF PREVENTION, THIS IS A TOOL  
14 THAT'S GOING TO BE UTILIZED IN A GREAT WAY BY FORECASTING THE  
15 KINDS OF NEEDS WE NEED SPECIFICALLY TO A GEOGRAPHIC AREA, TO  
16 TRENDS THAT WE NEED TO BE LOOKING AT AND REALLY PREPARING FOR  
17 IT AT ALL LEVELS: TRAINING, STAFF, RESOURCES AND CERTAINLY THE  
18 KIND OF BUDGETING PROCESS. SO CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU SO  
19 MUCH. AND I HOPE YOU WILL SHARE IT WITH YOUR OTHER COLLEAGUES,  
20 THE OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS. BECAUSE THIS IS THE KIND OF  
21 PROGRAM THAT I THINK COULD BE DEVELOPED AT ANY LEVEL, WHETHER  
22 IT BE IN THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT, WHETHER IT BE HEALTH  
23 SERVICES, WHETHER IT BE ANYWHERE ELSE, BECAUSE THIS KIND OF  
24 ACCOUNTABILITY REALLY IS HELPFUL TO THE REST OF US. WE SPEND  
25 SO MANY MILLIONS OF DOLLARS ON ALL LEVELS OF PROGRAM, AND I





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1 MEAN OUR GOALS HERE IS, I HOPE THE CONSTITUENT IS GETTING THAT  
2 SERVICE. I HOPE PEOPLE ARE UTILIZING THESE PROGRAMS. BUT WE  
3 REALLY DON'T KNOW. WE REALLY DON'T KNOW. WE'RE HOPING THEY  
4 ARE. SO IN THIS INSTANCE, I THINK WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO  
5 KNOW IN A WAY THAT DOESN'T INHIBIT ANYONE FROM UTILIZING THOSE  
6 SERVICES OR TRACK THEM IN THAT REGARD BUT, INSTEAD, TO FIND A  
7 WAY THAT WE CAN EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE SURE-- AND IF  
8 PEOPLE ARE NOT UTILIZING SERVICES THAT WE'RE PUTTING OUT  
9 THERE, HOW CAN WE MAKE SURE THERE'S MORE ACCESS? SO IT'S A  
10 GREAT PROGRAM AND I HOPE YOU'LL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE  
11 IT WITH YOUR COLLEAGUES, ALL OF THE OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS,  
12 BECAUSE THESE ARE THE KINDS OF PROGRAMS THAT WE REALLY NEED TO  
13 SEE. WE HAVE SUCH A GREAT OPPORTUNITY IN THIS NEW TECHNOLOGY  
14 AT ALL DIFFERENT LEVELS. BUT IT'S ONLY AS EFFECTIVE AS  
15 DEPARTMENTS EMBRACING IT, PROVIDING LEADERSHIP IN THIS AREA,  
16 GETTING THE TRAINING AND FOLLOWING THROUGH AND GETTING SOME OF  
17 YOUR BEST AND BRIGHTEST IN THE DEPARTMENT TO MAKE GOOD USE OF  
18 IT. SO CONGRATULATIONS. I THINK YOU'VE DONE THAT. AND I REALLY  
19 WANTED TO APPLAUD YOU. AND I THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
20 HAVE THIS DEMONSTRATION FOR ME. SO THANK YOU.

21

22 **TRISH PLOEHN:** AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR MOLINA. AND  
23 TO THE ENTIRE BOARD, THIS IS JUST ONE STEP OF MY DEPARTMENT TO  
24 TRY TO BECOME MORE ACCOUNTABLE, BOTH TO THIS BOARD AND TO THE



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1 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WE SERVE. AND WE REALLY THANK YOU FOR  
2 GIVING US THE TIME TO SHOW YOU AND FOR YOUR KIND WORDS.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK IT GOES A LONG WAY, ALSO WHEN WE RECEIVE  
5 THE KIND OF GOOD NEWS ABOUT THE KINDS OF SAVINGS THAT WE  
6 RECEIVED OUT OF OUR WAIVER, THAT THIS IS THE KIND OF-- BECAUSE  
7 OF THIS KIND OF TECHNOLOGY, OF THIS KIND OF ABILITY, WE ARE  
8 SERVING CHILDREN IN A MUCH MORE EFFECTIVE MANNER. AND SO  
9 CONSEQUENTLY, WHICH HAS LED TO SAVINGS, WHO HOPEFULLY WILL BE  
10 THE KIND OF SAVINGS THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO PROVIDE FOR  
11 CHILDREN AND TO MAKE THIS DEPARTMENT BETTER AND STRONGER ALL  
12 OF THE TIME. SO CONGRATULATIONS.

13

14 **TRISH PLOEHN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

15

16 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** ON YOUR OTHER NOTE. JUST KNOW THAT MIGUEL IS  
17 WORKING WITH OTHER STAFF, WHILE FIRST I'LL JOIN YOU IN  
18 APPLAUDING WHAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS DONE. THIS IS ALMOST-- THIS  
19 IS REFLECTIVE OF THE KIND OF MANAGEMENT TRISH HAS BROUGHT. BUT  
20 KNOW THAT WE HAVE STAFF IN OUR OFFICE WHO ARE WORKING WITH  
21 OTHER DEPARTMENTS TO SEE HOW IT CAN BE APPLIED, ESPECIALLY  
22 PROBATION.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** YEAH, THIS IS A NATURAL FOR PROBATION.

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1   **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IT IS A NATURAL FOR PROBATION AND WE WILL  
2   BRING IT INTO THE GANG PROGRAM. BECAUSE THE ABILITY TO  
3   IDENTIFY AND KEEP TRACK OF INDIVIDUALS IS KEY.

4

5   **SUP. MOLINA:** AND, YOU KNOW, AS OUR TECHNOLOGY GETS STRONGER  
6   AND BETTER, THE ABILITY WITH IPODS AND THE NEW BLACKBERRY  
7   SYSTEM THAT IS COMING IN, I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE COST-  
8   EFFECTIVENESS OF IT ALL, BUT THE IDEA THAT WE WOULD HAVE THAT  
9   ABILITY TO BE INPUTTING AND UTILIZING THAT INFORMATION, THAT  
10   IT IS CONFIDENTIALLY PROTECTED AND THINGS OF THAT SORT, CAN GO  
11   A LONG WAY IN BEING A VERY VALUABLE RESOURCE TO PEOPLE WHO ARE  
12   OUT IN THE FIELD ALL OF THE TIME, WATCHING AND TAKING CARE OF  
13   THESE RESPONSIBILITIES. SO THERE'S A LOT OF OPPORTUNITIES. AND  
14   IT'S ONLY AS GOOD AS THE PEOPLE WHO PROVIDE THE LEADERSHIP TO  
15   DO IT. SO I HOPE THAT AS WE DO THAT, THAT WE ARE REALLY KIND  
16   OF TRAINING OUR DEPARTMENTS TO REALLY PROVIDE AND BRING SOME  
17   OF THEIR BEST TO START LOOKING AT THOSE OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
18   APPLICATION IN OUR OWN DEPARTMENTS. THAT'S GOOD. THANK YOU.

19

20   **TRISH PLOEHN:** THANK YOU.

21

22   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IT IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY MOLINA,  
23   SECONDED BY THE CHAIR. SO ORDERED. I BELIEVE YOU HELD 12, AS  
24   WELL.

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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** OH, YES. ON ITEM NUMBER 12, YOU KNOW I'M STILL  
2   LOOKING AT INFORMATION ON THIS. THIS IS THE DEPARTMENT OF  
3   HEALTH SERVICES' AGREEMENT ON A NEW SET OF CONTRACT DOCS. AND  
4   AS YOU KNOW, I RAISED A LOT OF ISSUES ABOUT OUR PAST CONTRACT  
5   DOCS. AND I'M NOT SO SURE I'VE GOTTEN ALL OF THE ANSWERS. I  
6   KNOW THERE'S AN URGENCY HERE, BUT VERY, FRANKLY, MY URGENCY IS  
7   EQUALLY AS IMPORTANT, IN THAT I NEED TO KNOW ALL OF THE  
8   ANSWERS BEFORE WE MOVE FORWARD TO SOME BIG CONTRACT, AN  
9   IMPORTANT ONE. AND I THINK WE NEED TO HAVE ALL OF THE ANSWERS  
10   FIRST. SO I'M GOING TO ASK TO CONTINUE IT AGAIN. UNFORTUNATELY  
11   WE'RE NOT MEETING NEXT WEEK, SO IT HAS TO BE CONTINUED FOR TWO  
12   WEEKS.

13

14   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** TO THE 27TH?

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16   **SUP. MOLINA:** UNTIL I GET ALL THE INFORMATION. AND I DO THINK  
17   WE HAVE TO BE-- I WANT TO EMPHASIZE AGAIN, I THINK ONE OF THE  
18   THINGS THAT WE DON'T DO WELL AS A COUNTY, AND I'VE MENTIONED  
19   THIS TO BILL, ONCE WE APPROVE A CONTRACT, AND WE APPROVE  
20   CONTRACTS HERE ALL DAY LONG, WE DON'T HAVE VERY EFFECTIVE  
21   CONTRACT MONITORING. IF THERE WERE A TRAINING SCHOOL  
22   SOMEWHERE, SOMEBODY SHOULD GO TO IT AND FIND A WAY THAT WE CAN  
23   TRAIN OUR CONTRACT MONITORS. I KNOW THAT THERE ARE PROVISIONS  
24   THAT OUR LAWYERS PUT INTO IT. AND SOMETIMES THE CONTRACT  
25   MONITORS AREN'T EVEN FULLY INFORMED OF WHAT THOSE PROVISIONS



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1 ARE AND THEN THEY DON'T FOLLOW UP ON IT. WE SAW THAT WITH OUR  
2 LAST CONTRACT. WE HAD A LOT OF PROBLEMS WITH IT. AND WHEN I  
3 START ASKING THE QUESTIONS HERE, AND I HAVEN'T EVEN GOTTEN TO  
4 LIABILITY YET, I AM JUST SHOCKED THAT EVEN WITH THE ISSUES  
5 THAT WERE RAISED THE LAST TIME, THAT NOBODY VETTED THIS TO  
6 SAY, "THOSE PROBLEMS THAT EXISTED BEFORE, WE SHOULD MAKE SURE  
7 THEY DON'T EXIST HERE." BUT WHEN YOU DON'T EVEN LOOK AT THOSE  
8 QUESTIONS OR HAVE THOSE CONCERNS, IS VERY TROUBLING FOR ME. SO  
9 I HOPE YOU'LL BE MORE AGGRESSIVE WITH REGARD TO FOLLOWING UP  
10 ON THESE ISSUES THAT I DON'T THINK NEED TO BE VETTED HERE, BUT  
11 THAT I HAVE RAISED WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND GETTING THEM BACK  
12 TO US. SO I WILL CONTINUE IT.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. CONTINUED FOR TWO WEEKS. YES, MR.  
15 RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I'M WONDERING  
18 WHAT IMPACT, IF ANY, IS KNOWN AS TO THE TWO-WEEK, I THINK IT'S  
19 TWO-WEEK CONTINUANCE WILL HAVE ON SERVICES PROVIDED AND THE  
20 LIKE? ANY UNDERSTANDING OF THAT? BECAUSE I DON'T THINK THAT'S  
21 THE INTENT. BUT IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WE SHOULD KNOW THE  
22 CONSEQUENCE.

23

24 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE'LL ASK THE DEPARTMENT TO STEP FORWARD, BUT  
25 IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT ALTHOUGH IT'D TRUNCATE PERIOD TO



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1 MAKE THE TRANSITION FROM THE OLD CONTRACT TO THE NEW CONTRACT,  
2 IT SHOULD NOT RESULT IN ANY DISRUPTION IN SERVICES. IT'LL PUT-  
3 - IT'S GOING TO, AGAIN, SHORTEN THAT TIME PERIOD MOVING FROM  
4 ONE TO ANOTHER.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IT GIVES YOU A WEEK. THE CONTRACT STARTS  
7 FEBRUARY 5TH.

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9 **SUP. MOLINA:** THEIR PROBLEM.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NO, IT'S THE PATIENTS' PROBLEM.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT'S MORE THAN THAT. IT'S A DEPARTMENT  
14 RESPONSIBILITY TO GET US ALL OF THE ANSWERS ON ALL OF THESE  
15 ISSUES BEFORE WE GET HERE. I UNDERSTAND THERE'S A PROBLEM AS  
16 FAR AS PATIENTS, AND THAT'S A TOUGH TRANSITION. BUT THIS  
17 DEPARTMENT NEEDS TO TAKE OWNERSHIP ON SOME OF THESE ISSUES.  
18 THEY HAD AN URGENT ISSUE LIKE THIS, THEY SHOULD MAKE SURE--  
19 THEY CAN'T EVEN BEGIN TO ANSWER SOME OF THE QUESTIONS. AND  
20 IT'S A PROBLEM.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, I WILL REPEAT MY QUESTION. WHAT  
23 DISRUPTION, IF ANY, WHAT IMPACTS WILL BE WROUGHT PURSUANT TO  
24 THE CONTINUANCE? AND WHO'S TO BEAR THOSE IMPACTS?

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** COULD WE ASK THE DEPARTMENT?

2

3    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THERE'S A DISRUPTION TO PATIENT SERVICE.

4    CAN IT BE AVOIDED? I THINK THESE ARE THE PATIENTS THAT--

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6    **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** SUPERVISOR, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT WE  
7    WILL BE DOING TWO ACTIVITIES, DR. NASSAF, THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR  
8    AT THE M.L.K. MACK WILL HAVE TO PROCEED WITH THE CREDENTIALING  
9    OF THE PHYSICIANS ON THE LIST SO THAT THEY ARE IN FACT  
10   CREDENTIALLED BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THE SERVICES ON FEBRUARY  
11   5TH AND THAT WE PROCEED WITH THE LIFE SCANS FOR THOSE SAME  
12   EMPLOYEES SO THAT WE CAN GET THE RESULTS SO THAT THEREFORE  
13   THERE CAN BE A CADRE OF PEOPLE READY TO BEGIN ON FEBRUARY THE  
14   FIFTH. IF THE BOARD UNDERSTANDS THAT WE'RE GOING TO DO THAT  
15   ACTIVITY, THERE'S STILL NO COUNTY COMMITMENT TO THE CONTRACT,  
16   BUT IN REALITY IF WE CONTINUE THIS TWO WEEKS AND THE CONTRACT  
17   IS NOT APPROVED, THEN WE HAVE NO SERVICES FOR URGENT CARE,  
18   PHYSICIAN SERVICES FOR URGENT CARE THERE. BUT WE'VE TALKED TO  
19   THE FIRM. THEY UNDERSTAND THAT THIS WOULD BE CONTINUED FOR TWO  
20   WEEKS. AND THEY'LL WORK WITH US ON THE CREDENTIALING, WHICH  
21   HAS ACTUALLY ALREADY STARTED, AND THE LIVE SCANNING, SO THAT  
22   WE CAN BE PREPARED, COME BACK WITH THE ANSWERS FOR SUPERVISOR  
23   MOLINA, GET THOSE RESOLVED IN THE TWO WEEKS AND HAVE THE  
24   CONTRACT APPROVED. AND THEN BE READY TO START SERVICES.

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1   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** BUT I AM, THROUGH THE CHAIR, TO UNDERSTAND  
2   THERE WILL BE NO DISRUPTION IN SERVICES TO THE PATIENTS, AM I  
3   CLEAR ABOUT THAT?

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5   **RAY FORTNER. COUNSEL:** THAT IS CORRECT. IF WE HAVE A CONTRACT  
6   APPROVED ON THE 27TH.

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8   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NOW, YOU SAY IF. WHAT WOULD PREVENT THAT?

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10   **RAY FORTNER:** IF THE BOARD DECIDED NOT TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT.

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12   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I'M SORRY?

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14   **RAY FORTNER:** IF THE BOARD DECIDED NOT TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT.  
15   IN OTHER WORDS, WE DON'T HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO BACKFILL THAT  
16   WITHIN THAT TIME FRAME WITH COUNTY EMPLOYEES. SO WE NEED THE  
17   PHYSICIANS TO OPERATE THE URGENT CARE.

18

19   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE'RE IN TROUBLE. THAT'S WHAT HE'S SAYING.

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21   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT'S ESSENTIALLY WHAT I'M TRYING TO  
22   HIGHLIGHT AND TO TRY TO CALL FORWARD IF THERE'S A SCENARIO IN  
23   WHICH THAT MAY BE THE EVENTUALITY.

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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK THERE'S TWO IMPORTANT THINGS.  
2    ONE IS THE INTENT TO GET SUPERVISOR MOLINA HER ANSWERS. BUT  
3    ALSO HOPEFULLY YOU WOULD GO FORWARD WITH THE CREDENTIALING AND  
4    THE LIFE SCANS, IS THAT CORRECT?

5

6    **RAY FORTNER:** THAT'S CORRECT.

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8    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I GUESS I'M SOMEWHAT SURPRISED THAT  
9    THAT'S NOT DONE ALREADY WITH JUST THREE WEEKS TO GO.

10

11   **RAY FORTNER:** OBVIOUSLY WE LIVE SCAN EMPLOYEES AND WE  
12   CREDENTIAL EMPLOYEES BEFORE WE HIRE THEM. SO ALL THAT WORK  
13   HAPPENS BEFORE WE HIRE THEM.

14

15   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NO, I UNDERSTAND THAT. I'M SAYING WITH  
16   EVEN JUST THREE WEEKS TO GO, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A CONTINUANCE  
17   ON THIS CONTRACT, AND ALL THE CREDENTIALING AND LIFE SCANS  
18   HAVE NOT BEEN DONE YET IS WHAT YOU'RE TELLING ME.

19

20   **RAY FORTNER:** DR. NASSAF IS WORKING ON IT AND WE'LL MAKE SURE  
21   ALL THE LIVE SCANS OCCUR.

22

23   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THERE IS NO CAUSE IN HER MOTION TO STOP  
24   THE LIFE SCANNING OR CREDENTIALING.

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1    **SUP. MOLINA:** NO. MORE VALUABLE INFORMATION. MR. CHAIRMAN, IF I  
2    COULD, I THINK THAT AGAIN, IT'S VERY UNFORTUNATE THAT WE'RE  
3    PUT IN THIS SITUATION. WE ARE PUT IN THIS SITUATION. IT'S NOT  
4    LIKE YOU GAVE ME THIS CONTRACT SIX WEEKS AGO TO LOOK AT. WE  
5    JUST GOT THAT I ASKED THE QUESTION YESTERDAY: WHO ARE THE  
6    DOCS? FIRST ANSWER: WE CAN'T GET YOU A LIST OF THE DOCS UNTIL  
7    THE CONTRACT'S SIGNED. THEN I SAID I'M NOT VOTING FOR IT. ALL  
8    OF A SUDDEN I GOT A LIST. WHICH IS A PARTIAL LIST. ALL RIGHT?  
9    THEN WE START ASKING MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW THE COVERAGE IS  
10   GOING TO WORK AND WHO IS GOING TO OPERATE AND WHAT IS GOING ON  
11   ON SOME OF THESE ISSUES, WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE THAT ARE  
12   STARTING THIS COMPANY, THAT HAVE THIS COMPANY? I READ THE--  
13   AND AGAIN I DON'T KNOW IF MY COLLEAGUES HAVE. I'M READING THE  
14   INFORMATION THAT WAS PRESENTED. AND THE INFORMATION AS  
15   PRESENTED IS FOR A GROUP CALLED E.M.T. THIS IS A NEW GROUP.  
16   U.C.A. WE'RE DOING A SEPARATE CONTRACT WITH THEM. WHO ARE  
17   THEY? WHAT ARE THEY? WHAT ARE THEY ABOUT? IT DOESN'T SAY  
18   ANYTHING IN THEIR PROPOSAL WHO THEY ARE OTHER THAN THEY'RE A  
19   SUBSIDIARY OF THIS BIG GUY. NOW, IN OUR PAST PROGRAM SO THAT  
20   YOU KNOW, WHEN WE RAISED THIS ISSUE A YEAR AGO UNDER THE OTHER  
21   CONTRACT, WHICH I WON'T MENTION, AND YOU KNOW THE KIND OF  
22   PROBLEMS WE HAD. AND I HAD ALL THE ASSURANCES, INCLUDING IN  
23   CLOSED SESSION, FROM MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
24   SERVICES ABOUT ALL THE ASSURANCES. AND YET I WAS ABLE TO POINT  
25   OUT, AFTER I WENT THROUGH THE LIST OF DOCS, THAT THEY WERE



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1 PRESENTING DOCS THAT HAD CREATED PROBLEMS FOR US IN THE PAST.  
2 AND THEY WERE ON THE LIST TO BE USED AGAIN. SO I DON'T LIKE  
3 BEING BUMPED UP TO A DEADLINE LIKE THIS, WHICH IS VERY  
4 CRITICAL. BECAUSE AT THE END OF THE DAY, AS WE'RE GATHERING  
5 THIS INFORMATION, IT MAY HARM PATIENT CARE. THERE MAY BE AN  
6 ABSENCE OF DOCTORS. I DON'T WANT TO CREATE THAT PROBLEM, BUT I  
7 ALSO DON'T WANT TO TURN AROUND AND PAY FOR A LAWSUIT FOR  
8 INCOMPETENCY THAT LED TO THE CLOSURE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING.  
9 BECAUSE OF OUR CONTRACT WITH DOCS. VERY SERIOUS ISSUE.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** RIGHT.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND ALSO WE WERE RUSHED TO JUDGMENT THAT DAY. AND  
14 THAT'S WHAT WE GET.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, WE HAVE A CONTINUE ANSWER ON THE  
17 TABLE. TO THE 27TH. WE ALSO, THE INTENT BEING TO RECEIVE  
18 CREDENTIALING AND LIVE SCANS. AND THEN WITH THE INTENT OF  
19 APPROVAL ON THE 27TH SO WE CAN HAVE SOMETHING OPERATIONAL ON  
20 THE FIFTH, IS THAT CORRECT?

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22 **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** THAT'S CORRECT.

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, ON THE RECORD, DR. SCHUNHOFF  
2    AND THE APPROPRIATE STAFF, I'D LIKE TO SEE YOU IMMEDIATELY  
3    FOLLOWING THE MEETING.

4

5    **DR. JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** OKAY.

6

7    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU.

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9    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WITH THAT, THIS ITEM WILL BE CONTINUED  
10   TWO WEEKS. I'M SORRY. DR. CLAVREUL, YOU WANTED TO SPEAK ON  
11   THIS NOW OR WAIT UNTIL IT COMES BACK?

12

13   **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
14   DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. WELL, I WANT TO SECOND THE STATEMENT  
15   THAT SUPERVISOR MOLINA MADE. I'M TOTALLY ON THE SAME PAGE THAT  
16   SHE IS. YOU KNOW, ALMOST EVERY TIME-- AND I'VE BEEN MONITORING  
17   THIS BOARD SINCE 2000, ACTUALLY 1999-- WE CONSISTENTLY ARRIVE  
18   WITH CONTRACTS LIKE THIS ONE AT THE LAST MINUTE WHERE WE  
19   CANNOT ASK ANY QUESTIONS. AND THEN WE HAVE TO SAY, "OH, IF YOU  
20   DO THAT, PEOPLE ARE NOT GOING TO GET CARE AND EVERYTHING." WE  
21   HAD THE SAME PROBLEM WITH H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S. CONTRACT FOR THE  
22   LAST EIGHT YEARS. WE STILL DON'T HAVE THE R.F.P. EVERY YEAR  
23   IT'S THE SAME THING. TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE  
24   CONTRACT, "OH WE NEED TO HAVE REVIEW." TODAY IS THE SAME THING  
25   WITH THAT CONTRACT. THAT CONTRACT DON'T MAKE MUCH SENSE. AND



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1 AGAIN WE DO NOT HAVE AN R.F.P. ALL WE HAVE FROM THOSE PEOPLE  
2 WAS A STATEMENT OF INTEREST, WHICH IS KIND OF BIZARRE, BECAUSE  
3 WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR THOSE PHYSICIANS FOR A COUPLE OF  
4 YEARS RIGHT NOW. AND I WANT TO KNOW WHY WE ARE SELECTING THEM,  
5 BECAUSE THE STATEMENT IS THAT THEY CAN BE PERFORMED MORE  
6 FEASIBLY BY CONTRACTING WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR. I WANT TO  
7 KNOW ON WHAT DECISIONS THEY BASE THOSE. THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO  
8 DOCUMENT AVAILABLE FROM THE BOARD TO TELL US WHY YOU THINK IT  
9 IS BETTER TO GET THOSE PHYSICIANS VERSUS COUNTY OR VERSUS  
10 OTHER. AND I THINK THAT'S ESSENTIAL. I THINK IT'S TIMES THAT  
11 THIS BOARD, YOU KNOW, GET THE INFORMATION THEY NEED FROM YOUR  
12 DEPARTMENT. MANY OF YOU ASK THE RIGHT QUESTIONS. YOU JUST  
13 NEVER GET THE ANSWER. OR YOU GET THE ANSWER WEEKS AFTER.  
14 THAT'S UNACCEPTABLE. SO, PLEASE, MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE GET  
15 CARE, BUT DON'T DO IT UNDER DURESS, BECAUSE YOU HAVE BEEN  
16 PUTTING THE KNIFE UNDER THE THROAT TO MAKE A DECISION, A WRONG  
17 DECISION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION. OH, BY THE WAY, I WANT  
18 TO TELL YOU, I WENT TO VISIT U.S.C., THE NEW HOSPITAL. IT'S  
19 FANTASTIC. AND THE PEOPLE WERE REALLY, REALLY GREAT. AND THEY  
20 REALLY APPRECIATE YOU, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, COMING AT DIFFERENT  
21 TIMES TO CHECK HOW THE IT'S GOING. SO MY COMPLIMENTS.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WOW, LET THE RECORD REFLECT--

24 [LAUGHTER.] GOTCHA. YOU'RE ON TAPE.

25



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1 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YEAH, YOU SEE THE THING ABOUT ME, WHY  
2 I GET RESPECT, IF PEOPLE DO BAD THINGS, I HIT. THEY DO GOOD  
3 THINGS, I COMPLIMENT. WITHOUT FAIL.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. ITEM'S CONTINUED  
6 TWO WEEKS. WE HAVE-- PARDON ME?

7

8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS HAS HIS ADJOURNMENTS.  
11 THEN WE STILL HAVE ITEM 41 THAT'S BEEN HELD FOR DISCUSSION, IS  
12 THAT CORRECT? DO YOU HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENTS?

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN. MAY I  
15 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ELIZABETH MAY MILLS PHELPS, A NEIGHBOR OF  
16 MINE, MY FAMILY'S. SHE PASSED ON JANUARY THE SIXTH AT THE AGE  
17 OF 94. SHE WAS A POSTAL EMPLOYEE WHO RETIRED FROM THE UNITED  
18 STATES POSTAL SERVICE IN 1972, AN AVID BRIDGE PLAYER, MEMBER  
19 OF THE OXFORD BRIDGE CLUB. MISS PHELPS LEAVES TO CHERISH HER  
20 MEMORY HER DAUGHTERS PATRICIA, PHYLLIS AND LINDA AND  
21 GRANDCHILDREN DALE, ROBIN, NICOLE, KEISHA AND MICHAEL. AND  
22 THAT WOULD BE WITH A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS FOR A LIFE  
23 WELL-LIVED. MR. CHAIRMAN, JUANITA BAKER, A LONG TIME RESIDENT  
24 OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, A MEMBER OF THE LOVE OF GOD  
25 MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH PASSED ON DECEMBER 31 AT THE AGE OF





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1 73. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY HER HUSBAND OF 48 YEARS,  
2 ASHTON ELLIS BAKER, HER SONS KELVIN, KERRY AND ASHTON, AND HER  
3 THREE DAUGHTERS, KIMBERLY, KEA, AND KAREN, AS WELL AS AN  
4 EXTENDED FAMILY WHICH INCLUDES THE MEMBERS OF HER CHURCH. AND  
5 FINALLY, MR. CHAIRMAN, AND COLLEAGUES, PAMELA MARIE JACKSON.  
6 SHE PASSED ON JANUARY THE TENTH. SHE WAS A LONG TIME EMPLOYEE  
7 OF THE KODAK COMPANY. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY HER  
8 PARENTS, VIVIAN AND RAY AUSTIN, HER ONLY SON PATRICK DAVID  
9 MACFARLAND, AND HER SIBLINGS, GARY JACKSON AND THERESA  
10 CALCOAT, ALONG WITH MANY FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS OTHERWISE.  
11 THAT CONCLUDES THE ADJOURNING MOTIONS THAT I HAVE TO PRESENT  
12 TODAY, MR. CHAIRMAN.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED. ANY OTHER ITEMS?

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THERE IS AN ADDITIONAL ITEM THAT I WANTED  
17 TO BRING TO THE BOARD'S ATTENTION TO BE READ INTO THE RECORD.  
18 AND IT GOES TO THE ISSUE OF THE GLOBAL FINANCIAL CRISIS, AND  
19 ITS EFFECT ON THE LOCAL ECONOMY, PARTICULARLY HERE IN THE  
20 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AND AS THIS COUNTY INTENDS TO  
21 PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THE FEDERAL AND STATE ECONOMIC STIMULUS  
22 PROGRAMS, AND TO CREATE WELL-PAYING JOBS AND PUBLIC  
23 INFRASTRUCTURE OF LONG-TERM VALUE, I THINK IT'S IMPERATIVE TO  
24 PLACE A STIMULUS OF FUNDS INTO USE AS QUICKLY AND AS COST  
25 EFFECTIVELY AS POSSIBLE WITHOUT COMPROMISING ANY ENVIRONMENTAL



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1 VALUES AND/OR POLICIES THAT WE HAVE, MR. CHAIRMAN. THEREFORE  
2 I'D MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE C.E.O. AND  
3 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS,  
4 COMMISSIONS AND/OR AGENCIES DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE CHIEF  
5 EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO PREPARE A RECOMMENDATION FOR STREAMLINING  
6 THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTING PROCESSES AS WELL AS A  
7 RECOMMENDATION FOR SPECIAL INITIATIVES TO ENSURE THAT STIMULUS  
8 BENEFITS ARE DISTRIBUTED IN FAIR AND APPROPRIATE ALLOCATIONS  
9 THROUGHOUT THE ECONOMY-- THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. I WANT TO  
10 FURTHER MOVE THAT WE DIRECT THE C.E.O. AND THE COUNTY COUNSEL  
11 AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD  
12 OF SUPERVISORS WITHIN 30 DAYS WITH A DRAFT OF THESE  
13 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OUR REVIEW AND DISPOSAL. THANK YOU, MR.  
14 CHAIRMAN.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. I THINK IF IT'S JUST A  
17 REPORT, WE CAN PROBABLY TAKE THE ACTION, BUT YOU MIGHT JUST  
18 WANT TO WAIT AND TIE THIS TO ITEM 41, WHICH I THINK WOULD BE  
19 APPROPRIATE.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. AS YOU DEEM APPROPRIATE.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. NEXT, I BELIEVE I HAVE ITEM 41  
24 BEFORE US. AND WE WILL CALL ON OUR LEGISLATIVE POWER TEAM TO  
25 REPORT TO US AND THEN WE MAY HAVE SOME QUESTIONS.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WHOEVER WOULD LIKE TO PROCEED FIRST,  
3 FEEL FREE, YOU ARE ON.

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5 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IF I CAN GIVE A COUPLE OF VERY QUICK OPENING  
6 COMMENTS. WE'RE JOINED BY, AS THE CHAIR MENTIONED, OUR  
7 LEGISLATIVE TEAM, BOTH NOT ONLY HERE LOCALLY, BUT IN  
8 SACRAMENTO AND IN WASHINGTON, D.C.. REGGIE APPRECIATES COMING  
9 TO A PLACE WHERE IT'S NOT FREEZING RIGHT NOW, SO--

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** I TOTALLY AGREE. I WAS WITH HIM YESTERDAY  
12 IN WASHINGTON. IT'S COLD BACK THERE.

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14 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I UNDERSTAND. WHAT WE'VE DONE IN RESPONSE TO A  
15 BOARD ORDER IS WE'VE IDENTIFIED A RANGE OF PROJECTS THAT WOULD  
16 QUALIFY FOR THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC RECOVERY FUNDING AND ALSO TO  
17 IDENTIFY SOME LEGISLATIVE STRATEGIES TO MAXIMIZE FUNDING FOR  
18 THESE PROJECTS. WE ALL KNOW THAT WITH THE NEW ADMINISTRATION  
19 COMING FORWARD, A SIGNAL WAS MADE THAT IDENTIFIES SIGNIFICANT  
20 OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, BUT PARTICULARLY HERE IN  
21 THE COUNTY, TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF AN ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE,  
22 AND I THINK IT'S FAIR TO ASSESS THAT IT WILL BE UNPRECEDENTED,  
23 AT LEAST IN OUR LIFETIMES. THE NEED NOW IS TO NOT ONLY THROUGH  
24 THIS EFFORT OF IDENTIFYING PROJECTS THAT ARE READY TO GO, IT'S  
25 BEEN CHARACTERIZED AT THE RATE TO HAVE A SHOVEL IN THE GROUND



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1 IN 90, 120, 180 DAYS. IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE THAT  
2 OUR LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES IN THE NEXT YEAR, MOST  
3 IMPORTANT, PROBABLY THE NEXT TWO YEARS, ARE GOING TO HAVE TO  
4 BE VERY, VERY AGGRESSIVE. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO BE VERY  
5 RESPONSIVE, UNLIKE WE'VE EVER BEEN IN THE PAST, AND THE NEED  
6 TO HAVE OUR BOARD MEMBERS HELP US IN THAT EFFORT AND ACTUALLY  
7 TO INCREASE OUR PRESENCE, MORE THAN JUST OUR MAY VISIT,  
8 INCREASE OUR PRESENCE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. I THINK IS CRITICAL  
9 AT THIS POINT IN TIME. WHAT WE HAVE TODAY IS WE HAVE THESE  
10 GENTLEMEN WHO WILL SPEAK TO THIS EFFORT. WE'VE PROVIDED THE  
11 LIST OF PROJECTS THAT MEET THE CRITERIA. OUR MEMO RELEASED  
12 YESTERDAY ON JANUARY 12TH ALSO SPEAKS SOME OTHER CRITICAL  
13 ADVOCACY EFFORTS OR INITIATIVES THAT WE NEED TO GET REAL  
14 AGGRESSIVE WITH. WE ALSO KNOW ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE  
15 NEW WAIVER THAT'S COMING UP, THE OPPORTUNITIES RELATED TO THE  
16 PRESIDENT-ELECT'S HEALTH REFORM PROPOSALS ARE ENORMOUS. WE  
17 KNOW THAT IF WE DON'T HAVE A SUCCESSFUL WAIVER COME 2010, OUR  
18 HEALTHCARE SYSTEM WILL BE IN SERIOUS JEOPARDY. IF REGGIE,  
19 MAYBE YOU CAN START.

20  
21 **REGGIE TODD:** OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'M REGGIE TODD. I'M  
22 THE CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATE FOR THE COUNTY IN WASHINGTON,  
23 D.C.. AS THE C.E.O. NOTED, THESE ARE UNPRECEDENTED TIMES AND  
24 THEY ALSO PRESENT US WITH UNPRECEDENTED OPPORTUNITIES. WE,  
25 THROUGH OUR OWN EFFORTS AT THE COUNTY, THROUGH OUR ADVOCACY



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1 BUT ALSO IN COALITION WITH ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE NATIONAL  
2 ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES, HAVE BEEN VERY ENGAGED IN THE  
3 DISCUSSION THAT HAS BEEN GOING ON REGARDING AN ECONOMIC  
4 STIMULUS PACKAGE. AS MANY OF YOU MAY KNOW, THE ORIGINAL TARGET  
5 FOR HAVING THIS LEGISLATION BEFORE THE PRESIDENT-ELECT WAS  
6 JANUARY 20TH, RIGHT AFTER HIS INAUGURAL. THAT DATE HAS  
7 SUBSEQUENTLY SLIPPED. NOW THE HOUSE IS EXPECTING TO TAKE UP  
8 THE LEGISLATION AND HAVE IT COMPLETED BY THE END OF JANUARY  
9 AND HOPEFULLY THE SENATE THEN WILL PROCEED AND HAVE IT DONE  
10 BEFORE THE MID-FEBRUARY RECESS. THE NUMBERS THAT HAVE BEEN  
11 IDENTIFIED WITHIN THE STIMULUS HAVE RANGED FROM EARLY ON ABOUT  
12 550 BILLION, WE'RE NOW UP TO ABOUT 880 BILLION. IT COULD REACH  
13 A TRILLION. I THINK SOME OF THE PARAMETERS THAT WERE  
14 IDENTIFIED UNDER THE PROPOSALS THAT ARE BEING DISCUSSED, AND I  
15 DO WANT TO SAY THESE ARE PROPOSALS, NO LEGISLATION HAS BEEN  
16 INTRODUCED AS YET, BUT A COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE LEADERSHIP  
17 OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE THROUGH WAYS AND MEANS AND  
18 APPROPRIATIONS PARTICULARLY AND THEN THE KEY MEMBERS OF THE  
19 OBAMA ADMINISTRATION TO AGAIN IDENTIFY PROJECTS READY TO GO,  
20 THAT'S WITHIN 90 TO 180 DAYS, THAT WITHIN TWO YEARS, THOSE  
21 FUNDS HAVE TO BE OBLIGATED. A LARGE PORTION OF THAT STIMULUS  
22 PACKAGE WILL BE INFRASTRUCTURE-RELATED PROJECTS ON THE ORDER  
23 MOST RECENTLY IDENTIFIED BY CHAIRMAN OBERSTAR OF THE HOUSE  
24 TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE IS ABOUT \$80  
25 BILLION. HOWEVER, THE POINT WAS ALSO MADE BY CHAIRMAN OBERSTAR



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1 AND OTHERS THAT THESE FUNDS WILL GO OUT UNDER EXISTING  
2 FORMULAS. BECAUSE OF THE DESIRE TO MOVE QUICKLY AND EXPEDITE  
3 THE UTILIZATION OF THESE FUNDS, THERE WILL BE NO FORMULA  
4 CHANGES THROUGH PROGRAMS THAT WE'RE FAMILIAR WITH. FOR  
5 EXAMPLE, THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CERTAINLY GOES  
6 TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. FEDERAL HIGHWAY FUNDS GO THROUGH STATE--  
7 GO THROUGH THE STATE GOVERNMENT, SO HOWEVER THOSE FUNDS ARE  
8 CURRENTLY BEING ALLOCATED, THAT IS HOW THOSE FUNDS WILL BE  
9 ALLOCATED UNDER THE PROPOSED STIMULUS, AND TO SORT OF KEEP IN  
10 MIND THAT THIS IS MORE LIKE A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION AS  
11 OPPOSED TO A REAUTHORIZATION WHERE WE WOULD HAVE AN  
12 OPPORTUNITY AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL TO DEAL WITH THE CONCERNS WE  
13 HAVE ABOUT HOW THE MONEYS GO OUT. IT'S ON A, AS AGAIN I NOTED,  
14 IT'S ON A RELATIVELY FAST TRACK. WE HAVE BEEN ENGAGED WITH ALL  
15 OF THE MEMBERS OF OUR DELEGATION AS WELL AS KEY MEMBERS OF  
16 RELEVANT COMMITTEES. OUR OFFICE HAS MET WITH ALL BUT TWO OF  
17 OUR MEMBERS OF OUR 20-MEMBER DELEGATION IN THE LAST WEEK AND A  
18 HALF AND HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE WITH THEM OUR  
19 PRIORITIES, PARTICULARLY F.M.A.P. AND STOPPING THE MEDICAID  
20 RULES ARE AT THE TOP OF THAT AGENDA. THEY ARE IN SYNC WITH  
21 WHERE WE ARE AND HAVE INDICATED TO US THAT THEY BELIEVE THAT  
22 THESE COMPONENTS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE STIMULUS PACKAGE. THE  
23 PACKAGE CONTINUES TO EVOLVE. THERE WAS A RECENT DISCUSSION AND  
24 AN INTRODUCTION OF AN ISSUE THAT WAS NOT ON A PART OF THAT  
25 PACKAGE BY THE OBAMA ELECT TRANSITION TEAM AND THAT HAD TO DO





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1 WITH PROVIDING FUNDS FOR HEALTH I.T. PURPOSES. THERE IS NO  
2 PROGRAM, BUT AT THIS POINT, THERE IS A DISCUSSION, AND SO  
3 ULTIMATELY THERE WILL BE DETAIL PROVIDED ON HOW THAT WORKS AND  
4 WE WILL BE ENGAGED IN THAT DISCUSSION. WE'RE VERY FORTUNATE  
5 THAT WE HAVE PROBABLY THE BEST CONFIGURATION OF MEMBERS OF OUR  
6 DELEGATION IN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS IN CERTAINLY MY 10 YEARS AT  
7 THE COUNTY, I THINK MUCH BEYOND THAT. WE HAVE CONGRESSMAN  
8 WAXMAN, WHO IS CHAIRING NOW THE ENERGY AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE  
9 WITH HE ROLL AND HEALTHCARE REFORM AND MEDICAID, WE HAVE  
10 JAVIER BECERRA, WHO IS A PART OF THE DEMOCRATIC 3RD, 5TH  
11 RANKING MEMBER OF THE DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP, ALSO SERVES ON  
12 WAYS AND MEANS, KEY ISSUES RELEVANT TO CHILD SUPPORT AND OTHER  
13 HUMAN SERVICES ISSUES OF CONCERN TO THE COUNTY, CONGRESSWOMAN  
14 JANE HARMON WAS JUST APPOINTED TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE OF ENERGY  
15 AND COMMERCE, AND HAS A KEY POSITION IN DEALING WITH NOT ONLY  
16 HEALTH-RELATED ISSUES BUT ALSO HOMELAND AND PREPARED ISSUES  
17 AND IS A KEY POSITION TO PUT FORWARD OUR CONCERNS. OTHERS  
18 INCLUDE LINDA SANCHEZ, WHO WAS RECENTLY NAMED TO THE HOUSE,  
19 WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE. WE'VE HAD IN THE PAST AND CONTINUE  
20 TO HAVE CONGRESSWOMAN LUCILLE ROYBAL ALLARD AS A MEMBER OF THE  
21 APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, WE HAVE ADAM SCHIFF WHO IS ON THAT  
22 APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE PARTICULARLY FOCUSED ON CRIMINAL  
23 JUSTICE AREAS, S.C.A.P., WHICH IS AN ISSUE THAT WE'VE LED ON  
24 IN WASHINGTON AND WITH THE OTHER INTEREST GROUPS AND HAVE HAD  
25 INDICATIONS, AT LEAST FROM SENATOR FEINSTEIN'S STAFF, THAT'S A





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1 COMPONENT SHE WANTS TO HAVE INCLUDED IN THE STIMULUS. SO WE DO  
2 HAVE THOSE WITHIN OUR DELEGATION WHO CAN HELP, AGAIN, WITH OUR  
3 AGENDA, WHO UNDERSTAND WHO WE ARE, WE DON'T HAVE TO EXPLAIN  
4 WHAT L.A. COUNTY IS ALL ABOUT. IN ADDITION, ONE OF THE OBAMA  
5 ELECT'S APPOINTMENTS WAS PHIL SHALERO, WHO WILL BE FORMER  
6 CONGRESSMAN WAXMAN'S AIDE, WHO WILL BE THE DIRECTOR OF  
7 LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS FOR THE WHITE HOUSE, WHICH AGAIN PROVIDES  
8 US WITH A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE WITH THOSE WHO  
9 UNDERSTAND WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO. SAYING ALL THAT, I THINK  
10 AS THE C.E.O. NOTED, THESE ARE UNPRECEDENTED TIMES, AND SO  
11 BUSINESS AS USUAL IS NOT THE CASE BACK IN WASHINGTON. WE HAVE  
12 A NEW ADMINISTRATION THAT'S COMING IN. WE WILL ALL BE REACHING  
13 OUT AND MEETING WITH THEM TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THOSE FOLKS  
14 AND SHARE OUR CONCERNS, AND AGAIN, WE'LL TAKE A LEADERSHIP NOT  
15 ONLY ON OUR OWN BEHALF BUT WITHIN THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS  
16 ABOUT THE PRIORITIES THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO THE COUNTY, AND AS  
17 ALWAYS, WE WANT TO ENGAGE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD IN THAT EFFORT  
18 BECAUSE WHEN YOU'RE ENGAGED, WE HAVE EVEN A STRONGER CASE AND  
19 A STRONGER OPPORTUNITY TO GET THINGS DONE. I THINK WITH THAT,  
20 I'LL END MY COMMENTS.

21

22 **BURT MARGOLIN:** BURT MARGOLIN, LEGISLATIVE STRATEGIST FOR THE  
23 COUNTY. I THINK THAT REGGIE HAS PROVIDED AN EXCELLENT OVERVIEW  
24 OF THE FEDERAL ADVOCACY ENVIRONMENT. JUST TWO POINTS I'D LIKE  
25 TO UNDERSCORE THAT HE ALLUDED TO. NUMBER ONE, THE OBAMA



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1 ADMINISTRATION'S MADE IT CLEAR REPEATEDLY THAT THEY'RE NOT  
2 GOING TO ALLOW EARMARKS INTO THIS STIMULUS PACKAGE. THAT'S  
3 THEIR INTENT AND CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP HAS RATIFIED THAT ON  
4 MULTIPLE OCCASIONS. THEY WANT TO GET THE MONEY OUT THE DOOR  
5 USING EXISTING FORMULAS AND EXISTING PROGRAMS. SO FROM A  
6 STRATEGY STANDPOINT, OUR GREAT CHALLENGE HERE WILL BE TO TAKE  
7 THE PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE THE GREATEST BENEFIT TO THE COUNTY  
8 OF LOS ANGELES IN THE CONSTITUENCIES YOU REPRESENT THAT,  
9 AGAIN, ARE CURRENTLY IN EXISTENCE AND FORMULAS THAT ARE WELL  
10 UNDERSTOOD, AND TRY TO MAXIMIZE THE LEVELS OF FEDERAL FUNDING  
11 IN THE STIMULUS SO THAT WE CAN DO THE MOST WE CAN FOR THE  
12 PROGRAMS THAT THIS BOARD FUNDS. THERE WILL BE FORMULA FIGHTS  
13 NO DOUBT IN THIS PROCESS AND-- BUT THEY'RE MORE LIKELY TO  
14 OCCUR AT THE STATE LEVEL THAN THE FEDERAL LEVEL, AND WITH THAT  
15 PERHAPS I CAN TURN NOW TO DAN WALL FOR ANY OBSERVATIONS HE  
16 MIGHT HAVE, OUR STATE LOBBYIST.

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18 **DAN WALL:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, DAN WALL, CHIEF LOBBYIST IN  
19 SACRAMENTO. THE BULK OF THE ACTION IS AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL.  
20 HOWEVER, THERE HAS BEEN SOME CONSIDERABLE EFFORT AT THE STATE  
21 LEVEL ON A TRANSPORTATION ALLOCATION ISSUE, WHICH IS  
22 REFERENCED IN MR. FUJIOKA'S MEMO TO THIS BOARD, AND THAT IS  
23 THE ALLOCATION OF THE TRANSPORTATION FUNDS. THERE'S  
24 ESSENTIALLY TWO OPTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN USED RECENTLY IN  
25 CALIFORNIA. ONE IS THE SO-CALLED S.T.P. ALLOCATION MECHANISM



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1 AND THE OTHER IS A ONE-THIRD, ONE-THIRD, ONE-THIRD MECHANISM  
2 THAT WAS IN PROPOSITION 1-B, AND THAT'S ONE-THIRD TO THE  
3 STATE, ONE-THIRD TO THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS,  
4 WHICH ARE AGENCIES LIKE THE M.T.A., AND ONE-THIRD TO COUNTY  
5 THAT WOULD BE DIVIDED EQUALLY AMONGST COUNTIES AND CITIES  
6 THROUGHOUT THE STATE. THE ONE-THIRD, ONE-THIRD, ONE-THIRD  
7 MECHANISM IS MORE FAVORABLE TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, AND  
8 SO THAT'S WHAT WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO WORK WITH C.S.A.C. IN  
9 TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH. AS REGGIE SAID, THERE ISN'T REALLY ANY  
10 MARKET OR AUDIENCE FOR SUBSTITUTING THAT APPROACH BACK IN  
11 WASHINGTON, D.C., SO OUR EFFORTS ARE TRYING TO SEE IF THERE'S  
12 ANY OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE AN ADJUSTMENT AT THE STATE LEVEL. IT'S  
13 A VERY DIFFICULT TASK IN THAT, FOR EXAMPLE, THE M.T.A. IS  
14 OBVIOUSLY GOING IN THE OTHER DIRECTION. THEY WANT TO HAVE THE  
15 BULK OF THE FUNDS, SOME 67 PERCENT COME TO THE M.T.A. THE  
16 OTHER-- AND I THINK THE ASSOCIATION OF ALL THOSE M.P.O.S,  
17 METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS, HAS TAKEN AN OFFICIAL  
18 POSITION TO HAVE THE FUNDS GO TO THE M.P.O.S, SO IT IS A  
19 DIFFICULT TASK BUT WE ARE-- WE HAVE DRAFT LANGUAGE THAT WE ARE  
20 CIRCULATING. I'M NOT PARTICULARLY OPTIMISTIC THAT WE'RE GOING  
21 TO GET IT, BUT THAT'S SOMETHING WHERE AGAIN WE WANT TO ENGAGE  
22 THE BOARD ON AND USE EACH OF YOU TO SEE IF WE CAN ENSURE THAT  
23 A FAIR SHARE COMES TO THE COUNTY WITH-- THIS WILL ALL-- THE  
24 STRATEGY AT THE STATE LEVEL WILL BECOME MORE FOCUSED AS WE  
25 HAVE SOME INDICATION OF WHAT THE FEDS ARE ACTUALLY PROPOSING.



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1 WE ARE NOW ESSENTIALLY DEALING WITH CONCEPTS AND GROSS AMOUNTS  
2 AND WE CAN BECOME MORE FOCUSED AT THE STATE LEVEL WHEN THOSE  
3 FEDERAL THINGS BEGIN TO COALESCE AROUND SPECIFIC PROPOSALS.  
4 WITH THAT, I WOULD TURN IT BACK TO THE C.E.O. OR TO ANY  
5 QUESTIONS.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS? I WOULD JUST  
8 ADD THAT I HAD THE EITHER FORTUNE OR-- GOOD FORTUNE OR UN-  
9 FORTUNE TO BE IN WASHINGTON A COUPLE TIMES IN THE LAST THREE  
10 OR FOUR WEEKS, AND MEETING WITH VARIOUS MEMBERS OF OUR  
11 DELEGATION AS WELL AS WITH SENATOR BOXER AND SENATOR  
12 FEINSTEIN'S FOLKS AS WELL TOO ON THIS. THE CONCERN THAT I  
13 HAVE, AND I'VE EXPRESSED IT, AND YOU SORT OF MADE IT CLEAR,  
14 THINGS ARE MOVING FAST, AND I'M NOT SURE THAT EVERYBODY IS IN  
15 THE LOOP BACK THERE. I JUST THINK THAT WHATEVER PROJECTS WE  
16 ULTIMATELY DECIDE ON IN THIS LIST THAT'S BEEN PROVIDED FOR  
17 THIS ITEM 41 TODAY, I WILL TELL YOU WAS A MUCH BETTER LIST  
18 THAN WAS ORIGINALLY FUNNELED THROUGH C.S.A.C.. THAT ORIGINAL  
19 WAS, YOU KNOW, \$30,000 POOL-- IT WAS JUST RIDICULOUS. BUT  
20 ANYWAY, THIS HAS A BETTER GRASP ON I THINK WHAT THE INCOMING  
21 ADMINISTRATION IS LOOKING FOR AND SO I ALSO ENCOURAGE US TO BE  
22 ON THE LIST OF CALTRANS AND OTHER STATE ORGANIZATIONS BECAUSE  
23 WHILE WE ARE WORKING VERY HARD BACK THERE TO SORT OF  
24 CIRCUMVENT THIS GOING TO STATE, THEM TAKING THE ADMINISTRATIVE  
25 FEE AND MAYBE YES, MAYBE NO, OBVIOUSLY THEY'RE GOING TO BE



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1 SUBMITTING LISTS, TOO, SO ANY LISTS THAT ARE ON THERE WOULD  
2 HELP OUR ABILITY TO GET SOME OF THESE PROJECTS DONE AS WELL,  
3 TOO. YOU ALL ARE WORKING VERY HARD. IT'S GOING TO BE VERY  
4 DIFFICULT. I MEAN, THE INTENT HERE IS VERY, VERY GOOD. I JUST,  
5 YOU KNOW, I'M NOT SURE WITH THE INAUGURATION ONE WEEK AWAY  
6 THAT WE JUST NEED TO BE IN THE LOOP ON ALL OF THESE THINGS.  
7 SORT OF GENERAL RULES ARE THERE BUT THE ULTIMATE GROUND RULES  
8 ARE NOT THERE YET. WE JUST HAVE TO BE PREPARED FOR WHATEVER  
9 RULE WE KNOW WHAT THE PROJECTS ARE AND WE KNOW WE HAVE OUR 30-  
10 DAY PROJECTS AND OUR 90-DAY PROJECTS AND OUR 180-DAY PROJECTS  
11 AND OUR TWO-YEAR PROJECTS. WE JUST NEED TO BE READY TO ROLL  
12 AND TO MOVE QUICKLY AND-- BECAUSE IF ANYTHING CAN HELP US  
13 HERE, WE'VE PUT INFRASTRUCTURE AT THE BACK BURNER ON MANY  
14 OCCASIONS. EVERY TIME THERE'S AN ECONOMIC DOWNTURN, THE FIRST  
15 THING THAT IS ELIMINATED IS INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS, AND  
16 TO TRY TO BE ABLE TO KEEP A HOSPITAL OPEN OR CLINIC OR  
17 LIBRARY, WHATEVER IT MAY BE, SO THERE'S SOME GREAT  
18 OPPORTUNITIES HERE TO PUT PEOPLE TO WORK, OBVIOUSLY TO IMPROVE  
19 OUR INFRASTRUCTURE AND TO GO ALONG WITH THE PRESIDENT-ELECT'S  
20 PLAN OF STIMULATING OUR ECONOMY HERE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

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22 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** AND ALSO I HAD MENTIONED INCREASING OUR  
23 PRESENCE IN D.C. DURING THE FIRST FEW MONTHS I THINK IS  
24 ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL, BECAUSE EACH STRONG RELATIONSHIPS WITH  
25 VARIOUS MEMBERS OF CONGRESS . WHAT WE DO HERE WILL PALE IN



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1 COMPARISON IN BEING THERE, AND TALKING TO FOLKS AND PUSHING  
2 OUR DEMANDS, OUR NEEDS.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MR. ANTONOVICH, THEN MR. YAROSLAVSKY.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ONE OF THE PROBLEMS THAT WE FACE IS THE  
7 DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS. SOMEHOW YOU HAVE TO WORK FOR  
8 BOILERPLATE LANGUAGE IN LEGISLATION THAT'S BEING ENACTED, BOTH  
9 AT THE STATE AND FEDERAL LEVEL, THAT ENSURE THAT FUNDS THAT  
10 ARE GOING TO A REGION ARE GOING TO THOSE THAT ARE PROVIDING  
11 THE SERVICE. FOR TOO LONG, THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, WHICH  
12 WOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO A BOROUGH ON THE EAST COAST IS  
13 CONSIDERED DISTRIBUTION FUNDING FORMULAS, WHEREAS EAST COAST  
14 LEGISLATORS DO NOT UNDERSTAND THAT IF WE HAVE ALL OF OUR  
15 UNINCORPORATED PEOPLE PLACED IN ONE CITY, WE'D BE ABOUT THE  
16 TENTH LARGEST CITY IN THE UNITED STATES, AT ONE, 1 1/2 MILLION  
17 PEOPLE. IN OUR 88 CITIES, ABOUT HALF OF THEM CONTRACT WITH US  
18 FOR THEIR SERVICES, THEIR MUNICIPAL SERVICES, ALL OF THE  
19 FUNCTIONS THAT PEOPLE ON THE EAST COAST WOULD ASSOCIATE WITH A  
20 CITY, AND THAT REALLY CALLS WHY WE SHOULD ALSO BE INVOLVED AS  
21 MEMBERS OF THE MAYOR'S ASSOCIATION NATIONALLY BECAUSE, AGAIN,  
22 WE ARE THE MAYORS OF 1 1/2 MILLION PEOPLE AND 134 COMMUNITIES  
23 PROVIDING THOSE VITAL SERVICES. AS A RESULT, WHEN THE  
24 APPROPRIATIONS ARE COMING DOWN, BEING FAST-TRACKED OR WHETHER  
25 IT'S NOW ON THESE INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMS, WE HAVE TO ENSURE





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1 THAT THE COUNTY IS GOING TO BE ABLE TO RECEIVE THOSE FUNDS,  
2 WHICH WE ARE ENTITLED TO, TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE THAT  
3 WE REPRESENT. SO I KNOW IN SACRAMENTO, WE'RE IN THE  
4 LEGISLATURE, YOU'D PASS A BILL SAYING THIS PERTAINS TO ONLY  
5 THREE MILLION PEOPLE OR FOUR MILLION PEOPLE IN ORDER TO HAVE  
6 IT GO TO A PARTICULAR CITY OR JURISDICTION AND WE NEED TO DO  
7 THAT SAME TYPE OF EFFORT AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL AND AT THE STATE  
8 LEVEL THAT WE'RE PART OF THAT.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JUST BRIEFLY, THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM THAT  
11 WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT IS THE UN-STIMULUS PACKAGE, WHICH IS  
12 THE LACK OF A STATE BUDGET, AND THE MORE TALK I HEAR AROUND  
13 THE STATE IS THAT THE STIMULUS IS BEING VIEWED UP THERE AS A  
14 WAY TO HELP THEM-- HELP ABSOLVE THEM OF THE TOUGH DECISIONS  
15 THAT THEY ARE FAILING TO MAKE AT THIS POINT-- UP TO THIS  
16 POINT, AND THERE'S ALREADY CONSEQUENCES TO THE LACK OF A STATE  
17 BUDGET. PEOPLE HAVE BEEN LAID OFF, PROJECTS HAVE BEEN STOPPED,  
18 MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AT CAL STATE NORTH RIDGE HAS BEEN  
19 STOPPED. I BELIEVE 150 PEOPLE LOST THEIR JOBS AS A RESULT, AND  
20 THAT'S JUST ONE. THERE ARE DOZENS AND DOZENS AND HUNDREDS AND  
21 HUNDREDS AND PROBABLY THOUSANDS MORE TO COME WITH EVERY DAY  
22 THAT THE STATE BUDGET IS NOT PASSED, AND I WOULD-- I THINK MR.  
23 RIDLEY-THOMAS IS VERY FORTUNATE THAT HE IS HERE AND NOT IN THE  
24 STATE CAPITOL, BECAUSE THE DAY THE I.O.U.S GO OUT, I WOULDN'T  
25 WANT TO BE IN THE STATE CAPITOL. MR. WALL, I WOULDN'T BE





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1 ANYWHERE NEAR THE STATE CAPITOL BECAUSE YOU'RE GOING TO GET  
2 STAMPEDED. I FEEL LIKE SENDING MY NEXT PROPERTY CHECK IN THE  
3 FORM OF AN I.O.U. TO THE COUNTY. THIS IS ABSURD WHAT IS GOING  
4 ON. WE'RE NOW IN THE MIDDLE OF JANUARY, AND EVEN THOUGH A  
5 BUDGET WAS ADOPTED LAST YEAR, IT WAS A PHONY BUDGET, WE ALL  
6 KNOW IT NOW, AND WE KNEW IT THEN, BUT MOST PEOPLE DIDN'T, AND  
7 IT JUST GETS WORSE AND WORSE. AND SO I'M VERY EXCITED ABOUT  
8 THE STIMULUS PACKAGE IN THE LIST, AND I THINK IT IS A GOOD  
9 LIST AND IT SURE WILL REFINE IT AND EMBELLISH IT AS TIME AND  
10 OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF AS WELL, BUT IN THE WORDS OF THE  
11 LATE GEORGE CARLIN, DON'T SWEAT THE THUNDERSHOWERS. THERE ARE  
12 I.C.B.M.S COMING IN FROM SACRAMENTO, AND THE IMPACT THAT A  
13 LACK OF A BUDGET THAT WILL HAVE ON US HERE IN THIS COUNTY  
14 GOVERNMENT, NOT TO MENTION THE COUNTY AT LARGE, AND THE  
15 COMMUNITY AT LARGE, IS I THINK MORE SIGNIFICANT THAN THE  
16 BENEFITS OF THE STIMULUS PACKAGE COMING OUT OF WASHINGTON WILL  
17 BE TO COUNTY GOVERNMENT. I THINK THE RISKS, THE JEOPARDY WE  
18 FACE BECAUSE OF A LACK OF A STATE BUDGET IS FAR GREATER THAN  
19 THE BENEFIT WE GET OUT OF THE STIMULUS. I'M NOT SUGGESTING  
20 THAT WE PICK ONE OVER THE OTHER, BUT I'M JUST TRYING TO BRING  
21 IT TO SHARP RELIEF WHAT THE REAL ISSUE IS FOR THIS GOVERNMENT  
22 HERE AND IN ALL 58 COUNTY GOVERNMENTS AND THE THOUSANDS OF  
23 CITIES AND TOWNS THAT WE HAVE UP AND DOWN THE STATE OF  
24 CALIFORNIA. I'LL WRAP UP. I THINK WHAT'S HAPPENED OVER THE  
25 YEARS IS THAT CALIFORNIANS HAVE BECOME, INCLUDING MANY OF US,



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1 HAVE BECOME NUMB TO THIS STUFF. IT ALWAYS TENDS TO WORK ITSELF  
2 OUT IN SOME FASHION AT THE END. IT'S NOT WORKING ITSELF OUT  
3 NOW. WHEN SOMEBODY LOSES THEIR JOB AS A RESULT OF EGOMANIACAL,  
4 PHILOSOPHICAL, POLITICAL POSTURING NONSENSE THAT GOES ON,  
5 THERE'S NO ABILITY TO BRIDGE THAT GAP, AND I MEAN FOR ALL  
6 SIDES OF THIS. I'M NOT JUST PICKING ONE PARTY OVER THE OTHER.  
7 IT'S ALL SIDES. THERE'S PLENTY OF BLAME TO GO AROUND. THAT IS  
8 A CRIME. THAT IS A CRIME. WE CAN PICK-- BE NITPICKING ON ALL  
9 KINDS OF LITTLE THINGS, BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, I THINK OF  
10 150 PEOPLE, CONSTRUCTION WORKERS AND RELATED JOBS ON THAT  
11 PROJECT AT NORTHRIDGE OR ANY NUMBER OF OTHER PLACES,  
12 CONTRACTORS IN THE MENTAL HEALTH FIELD WHO ARE GOING TO LOSE  
13 THEIR JOBS BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO PULL THEIR FUNDING,  
14 AND MR. FUJIOKA SAID IT EARLIER AND I WANT TO REPEAT IT, THAT  
15 WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO BACKFILL WHAT THE STATE IS LARGELY  
16 RESPONSIBLE FOR. WE SHOULDN'T AND WE CAN'T AFFORD IT EVEN IF  
17 WE WANTED TO, SO THERE WILL BE THIS KIND OF SEQUENTIAL  
18 ECONOMIC IMPACT ON CALIFORNIA AND ON LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN  
19 PARTICULAR AS A RESULT OF WHAT I'VE COME TO CALL THE UN-  
20 STIMULUS POLICY IN SACRAMENTO. IT JUST DRIVES ME NUTS. WE'RE  
21 YAMMERING ABOUT THE STIMULUS PACKAGE, AND THIS IS GOING TO  
22 HAVE MUCH MORE OF A DELETERIOUS IMPACT ON US THAN THE STIMULUS  
23 EVER COULD HAVE FOR US. IT WOULD BE NICE TO HAVE  
24 RESPONSIBILITY BOTH IN WASHINGTON, WHICH IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S  
25 DEVELOPING, AND RESPONSIBILITY IN SACRAMENTO, BUT WHEN YOU



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1 HAVE ONE WITHOUT THE OTHER, AT BEST IT'S A DRAW AND, IN THIS  
2 CASE, IT'S NOT A DRAW, IT'S NOT EVEN A DRAW, SO I JUST WANTED  
3 TO-- DAN, YOU KNOW, I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU CAN DO UP THERE.  
4 YOU'RE VERY INFLUENTIAL AND POWERFUL GUY, AND IF YOU CAN'T GET  
5 THAT BUDGET DONE IN THE NEXT WEEK, YOU CAN GO WORK FOR REGGIE.  
6 [LAUGHTER.]

7

8 **DAN WALL:** YOUR POINT IS ABSOLUTELY WELL-TAKEN. THAT'S THE  
9 DOWNSIDE RISK IN THE STATE BUDGET IS ENORMOUS, AND WE  
10 ABSOLUTELY NEED TO, AS A STATE, WE NEED TO GET OFF DEAD CENTER  
11 HERE, AND GET THE CURRENT-YEAR BUDGET RESOLVED AND THEN MOVE  
12 ON TO THE CRISIS OF THE BUDGET YEAR WITH THE 09/10 BUDGET. WE  
13 ARE STILL GRAPPLING WITH A VERY SERIOUS PROBLEM IN THE 08/09.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** RIGHT, WE DON'T EVEN HAVE AN 08/09 REAL  
16 BUDGET YET, AND TOMORROW THE GOVERNOR GIVES HIS 09/10 BUDGET.  
17 I FIND THAT RATHER IRONIC.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THE THING, ONE OF YOU MENTIONED THE  
20 TRANSPORTATION PIECE OF THIS. THE STRATEGY UP THERE IN  
21 SACRAMENTO IS TO USE THE STIMULUS PACKAGE TO BACKFILL PART OF  
22 THE TRANSPORTATION HOLE. APPARENTLY THEY'RE RIPPING OUT ALL  
23 THE TRANSPORTATION MONEY FOR OTHER PURPOSES. THAT'S ONE OF THE  
24 STRATEGIES THAT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT IN SACRAMENTO. AM I  
25 CORRECT?



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2 **DAN WALL:** I AM NOT AWARE OF THAT ONE. I AM AWARE OF ONE THAT  
3 WOULD ACCRUE TO OUR BENEFIT THAT IF THE STATE WERE TO  
4 ESSENTIALLY TRADE ONE FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION DOLLAR FOR A  
5 STATE GENERAL FUND DOLLAR, THEY COULD MOVE THAT MONEY DOWN TO  
6 COUNTIES MUCH FASTER WITHOUT THE FEDERAL STRINGS. THEY COULD  
7 USE THE FEDERAL MONEY -- IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT WE WOULD  
8 NOT BE ANY DIFFERENT IN TERMS OF OUR ALLOCATION, BUT THAT THE  
9 STATE OF CALIFORNIA WOULD ESSENTIALLY USE THAT FEDERAL MONEY  
10 AS A CASH FLOW CRUTCH TO GET THEM THROUGH THE NEAR TERM.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WAS LOOKING AT IT MORE OR LESS, MY M.T.A.  
13 HAT MORE THAN MY SUPERVISORS HAT AT THE MOMENT, AND WHAT I'M  
14 BEING BRIEFED BY OUR M.T.A. PEOPLE IS THERE'S TROUBLE IN RIVER  
15 CITY. AND SO THE STIMULUS, IT'S NOT-- I DON'T WANT TO TRY TO  
16 ARTICULATE IT BECAUSE I HAVEN'T MASTERED THE INFORMATION YET,  
17 BUT THE BOTTOM LINE OF ALL OF THIS IS THAT WE'RE GOING TO END  
18 UP THAT LEVEL BEING NET LOSERS.

19

20 **DAN WALL:** THAT'S A STATE TACTIC THAT HAS BEEN USED BEFORE IN  
21 THE DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE OF HOSPITAL FUNDS THEY HAVE RAKED  
22 OFF MONEY TO SOLVE THEIR OWN BUDGET PROBLEMS.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MORE FOR THE TACTICS IN PREVIOUS YEARS  
25 HAVE NEVER BEEN A NET GAIN FOR THIS COUNTY.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? THE  
5 ITEM IS BEFORE US. I THINK IT'S TO RECEIVE AND FILE, BUT ALSO  
6 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS' MOTION TO-- PARDON ME? I KNOW, BUT  
7 WE'RE GOING TO GET THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR WITH THE RECEIVE  
8 AND FILE AND MR.-- SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S MOTION ON THE  
9 COORDINATION AND REPORTING BACK. WE HAVE TWO PEOPLE THAT ARE  
10 SIGNED UP TO SPEAK. ARNOLD SACHS AND KATHY OCHOA. THANK YOU  
11 ALL. REG, THANKS FOR MAKING THE TRIP OUT.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S A REAL SACRIFICE FOR HIM.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** JUST THINK, BY THURSDAY, IT WILL BE 17  
16 DEGREES HIGH. BUT 82 HERE. GO AHEAD. HEAD BACK.

17

18 **KATHY OCHOA:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. KATHY OCHOA HERE ON  
19 BEHALF OF S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721. WELCOME SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-  
20 THOMAS. I WANT TO SAY, THE UNION IS VERY MUCH COMMITTED TO  
21 CONTINUING ITS WORK ON THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY PACKAGE. WE HAVE  
22 HAD SOME MEETINGS WITH THE LEG. STAFF AS WELL AS  
23 CORRESPONDENCE BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN WHAT THE COUNTY'S NEEDS  
24 ARE PARTNERED WITH WHAT S.E.I.U. COULD ADVANCE IN WASHINGTON,  
25 D.C., AND WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO THAT. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO



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1 CLARIFY, AGREEING WITH SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, THAT WHILE THE  
2 STATE IS LOOKING TO USE THIS MONEY TO FILL HOLES THAT EQUALLY  
3 WE OUGHT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE COUNTY IS ABLE TO STAVE OFF  
4 CUTS TO VITALLY NEEDED PUBLIC PROGRAMS IN OUR COUNTY  
5 THROUGHOUT THIS PROCESS AND THAT-- AND THAT WE LOOK NOT ONLY  
6 TO CREATING NEW WELL-PAYING JOBS, BUT THAT WE ARE COMMITTED TO  
7 PRESERVE AND GENERATE WELL-PAYING JOBS WITHIN OUR COUNTY HERE.  
8 THAT MEANS THAT WE NEED TO LOOK NOT JUST AT STREAMLINING THE  
9 PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PROCESS, BUT WE NEED TO ENSURE-- IS ANYBODY  
10 LISTENING BESIDES SUPERVISOR-- OKAY. WE NEED TO ENSURE THAT  
11 THE H.R. SYSTEMS ARE IN PLACE AND THE COUNTY BUDGETING SYSTEM  
12 IS IN PLACE TO MOVE THIS MONEY EQUALLY AS RAPIDLY, AND FOR  
13 THAT WE'D LIKE TO SIT DOWN AND HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH YOU.  
14 MANY OF THE ITEMS ON THIS LIST ARE DIRECT SERVICES THAT OUR  
15 MEMBERS PROVIDE AND WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO BE AS NIMBLE AND ACT  
16 AS QUICKLY AS WE CAN TO GET THIS MONEY ON THE GROUND AND KEEP  
17 OUR PROJECTS MOVING. SHOULD THERE BE ANY MODIFICATION TO THIS  
18 LIST, WE STAND WILLING TO TAKE THAT AND MOVE THAT AS QUICKLY  
19 AS POSSIBLE AND JUST, AGAIN, WANT TO STRESS, I THINK IT'S VERY  
20 IMPORTANT THAT SUPERVISOR MOLINA ASKS FOR THIS DETAILED LIST.  
21 WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR IT FOR QUITE A WHILE. I HOPE THERE'S  
22 SOME WIGGLE ROOM AROUND THE LIST, FOR EXAMPLE, ALTHOUGH WE  
23 HAVE A SHOVEL-READY PROJECT TO GO AT HIGH DESERT MACK. THERE'S  
24 A COUPLE OF OUR SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS THAT ARE REALLY IN  
25 NEED OF A MACK AND PERHAPS THOSE SHOVEL-READY PLANS MIGHT BE--



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1 WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO UTILIZE THEM IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTY,  
2 SO I HOPE WE DEMONSTRATE SOME FLEXIBILITY AS WE GET DOWN TO  
3 THE NEGOTIATIONS ON JUST WHAT THIS RECOVERY PACKAGE LOOKS  
4 LIKE.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THERE'S PLENTY OF FLEXIBILITY. LIKE  
7 GUMBY.

8

9 **KATHY OCHOA:** LIKE GUMBY? OH, GOOD. I LIKE THAT.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IT IS. THE PROBLEM, IT HAS TO BE THAT  
12 WAY ONLY BECAUSE WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE ULTIMATE RULES ARE  
13 GOING TO BE, AND THE THING THAT ALWAYS MAKES ME NERVOUS IN MY  
14 VISITS BACK THERE IS GETTING DIFFERENT BITS OF INFORMATION  
15 FROM OUR--

16

17 **KATHY OCHOA:** I AGREE, SUPERVISOR. THIS IS MOVING AT MULTIPLE  
18 LEVELS VERY SLOWLY.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I MET YESTERDAY IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY  
21 ON THE MEDICAID PIECE THAT WILL HOPEFULLY HELP US. WE HAVE  
22 OBVIOUSLY WITH CONGRESSMAN WAXMAN BEING THE CHAIR AND NOW WITH  
23 JANE HARMON BEING A MEMBER OF THE IMPORTANT COMMITTEE,  
24 DELIVERED LETTERS TO THEM OF OUR CONCERNS, TO HELP OUR  
25 HOSPITALS AND AFFECT THAT TOO.





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2 **KATHY OCHOA:** WE'VE DONE THE SAME. WE'VE BEEN ACTUALLY WORKING  
3 WITH THE COUNTY ON MAKING SURE THAT F.M.A.P. HAS THE  
4 APPROPRIATE LANGUAGE ADJUSTMENTS TO BE AS ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE  
5 COUNTY AS POSSIBLE AND THAT FUNDING TITLE 4-E FUNDING IS  
6 INCLUDED THERE.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK THE LANGUAGE SHOULD ALWAYS IT  
9 ONLY APPLIES TO COUNTIES OVER NINE MILLION.

10

11 **KATHY OCHOA:** THAT'S A GOOD WAY TO FRAME THE DEBATE.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THEN WE'D BE THE ONLY ONE.

14

15 **KATHY OCHOA:** OR COUNTIES WITH UNIONS. HOW IS THAT? ALL RIGHT.  
16 THANK YOU SO MUCH.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ARNOLD?

19

20 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. ARNOLD SACHS. FORTUNATELY I GAVE YOU  
21 A FREE RIDE ON THE M.T.A. EARLIER ON YOUR AGENDA ITEM, BUT IT  
22 IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP IN MIND THAT THE PROBLEMS WITH THE  
23 GOVERNMENT AND THIS ECONOMIC STIMULUS ARE GOING TO MESH. IT  
24 SEEMS TO ME LIKE THEY ARE GOING TO TAKE THE MONEY THAT WE'RE  
25 GOING TO GET FOR AN ECONOMIC STIMULUS AND APPLY IT TO OTHER



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1 THINGS LIKE WE ITERATED. JUST AS A FACT OR AS A FOR INSTANCE,  
2 THERE WAS AN ARTICLE IN THE NEWSPAPER YESTERDAY REGARDING  
3 GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER WANTING TO PUSH FORWARD SOME PROJECTS  
4 IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BY WEAKENING THE ENVIRONMENTAL  
5 REQUIREMENTS FOR THOSE PROJECTS, AND YET IN SOUTHERN  
6 CALIFORNIA, HE'S HOLDING TRANSPORTATION FUNDING HOSTAGE  
7 BECAUSE OF THE BUDGET CRISIS. HE'S SAYING THAT IF WE LOWER THE  
8 ECONOMIC-- LOWER THE ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS IN NORTHERN  
9 CALIFORNIA FOR SOME PROJECTS, IT WILL CREATE JOBS, BUT HOLDING  
10 THE FUNDING THAT WAS PASSED BY THE PROP. 1-B BILL HOSTAGE FOR  
11 THE STATE BUDGET, DOESN'T THOSE PROP. B-1 FUNDS CREATE JOBS IN  
12 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA? SO YOU GET TWO DIFFERENT COINS-- TWO  
13 DIFFERENT SIDES AND YOU DON'T KNOW WHICH WAY TO JUMP. BUT I'M  
14 REALLY CONCERNED, I MENTIONED IT EARLIER, ABOUT THE DUPLICITY  
15 IN THE LISTING OF PROJECTS NOT ONLY FOR THE COUNTY, BUT FOR  
16 THE CITY, BECAUSE IT'S EASY WHEN THINGS ARE DUPLICATED, IF  
17 THINGS DON'T GO RIGHT, YOU CAN SAY, "WELL, WE DIDN'T GET THE  
18 FUNDING FOR THAT BECAUSE SOMEBODY ELSE GOT THE FUNDING," BUT  
19 NOBODY ELSE IS GOING TO KNOW. THERE'S NO GENERAL CONSENSUS. IN  
20 THE CITY, THEY SAY WE HAVE X AMOUNT OF PROJECTS, BUT THEY  
21 DON'T GIVE A VALUE ON THE PROJECTS BECAUSE THEY SAY THAT THE  
22 PROJECTS ARE DUPLICATE, BUT THEY LIST ALL THE PROJECTS  
23 NEVERTHELESS.  
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1    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** BUT WE'RE NOT THE CITY. NO. I KNOW YOU  
2    DON'T WANT TO LISTEN TO THIS, BUT WE HAVE TO BE ON EVERY LIST.  
3    THERE MAY BE A COUNTY PROJECT BUT IT ALSO MAY BE IMPLEMENTED  
4    THROUGH AN M.P.O., LIKE THE M.T.A. WE'RE GOING TO BE ON EVERY  
5    LIST. IT'S NOT DUPLICATE PROJECTS. WE DON'T KNOW THE ULTIMATE  
6    AGENCY THAT THEY'RE GOING TO SELECT IN THE STIMULUS PACKAGE TO  
7    ALLOW THEM TO PROCEED FORWARD. IT MAY BE THROUGH THE STATE,  
8    THROUGH CALTRANS, IT MAY BE THROUGH THE M.T.A., THROUGH THE  
9    ALAMEDA CORRIDOR, IT MAY BE THROUGH A.C.E. IT MAY BE THROUGH  
10   COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS. WE HAVE TO BE ON ALL THE LISTS. WE'RE NOT  
11   TRYING TO DUPLICATE PROJECTS BUT THE PROJECTS PEOPLE-- BECAUSE  
12   WE DON'T KNOW THE ULTIMATE AGENCY THAT THEY'RE GOING TO AWARD  
13   THE CONTRACTS TO.

14

15   **ARNOLD SACHS:** AND CONVERSELY, BECAUSE YOU'RE ON SO MANY  
16   DIFFERENT LISTS, IF ONE OF THOSE PROJECT-- IF ONE OF THOSE  
17   AGENCIES IS TURNED DOWN FOR THE PROJECT, HOW WILL THE PUBLIC  
18   KNOW THAT?

19

20   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE'LL KNOW IT BECAUSE WHETHER OR NOT WE  
21   GET THE PROJECT MONEY. IT'S VERY SIMPLE. NO. YOU'RE NOT GOING  
22   TO BE TURNED DOWN BECAUSE YOU'RE ON MULTIPLE AGENCIES. THEY'RE  
23   GOING TO LOOK WHERE THE STRENGTH IS AND WHERE THIS PROJECT IS  
24   LISTED. THE COUNTY SUPPORTS IT, THE M.T.A. SUPPORTS IT,



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1 CALTRANS SUPPORTS IT, METROLINK SUPPORTS IT. THAT'S THE  
2 REALITY. OKAY? THANK YOU.

3

4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** JUST TRYING TO GIVE YOU YOUR ANSWERS.  
7 ALL RIGHT. WE ARE GOING TO CLOSED SESSION? NO. WE HAVE PUBLIC  
8 COMMENTS, DON'T WE?

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YOU ARE APPROVING THAT ITEM?

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE ARE APPROVING THAT ITEM WITH MR.  
13 RIDLEY-THOMAS'S MOTION. HERE WE GO. PUBLIC COMMENTS. WALTER  
14 BECKTEL. I APOLOGIZE. OH. LELA DUFFEE. JEFFREY MATLOCK AND  
15 EDGARDO RIVAS WILL BE THE FIRST FOUR SPEAKERS AND BE THEN  
16 AFTER EACH, KASEY COULTER AND ARNOLD SACHS WILL BE THE LAST  
17 TWO. AFTER THOSE SPEAKERS ARE THROUGH, THEN WE WILL REPLACE  
18 THEM WITH THE--

19

20 **EDGARDO RIVAS:** BY THE WAY, MY NAME IS EDGARDO, NOT EDUARDO.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GO AHEAD AND IDENTIFY YOURSELF FOR THE  
23 RECORD.

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25 **EDGARDO RIVAS:** MY NAME IS EDGARDO FRATTI RIVAS--



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WAIT. WE NEED MR. BECKTEL FIRST.

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4 **WALTER BECKTEL:** YOU WANT ME TO SAY SOMETHING FIRST. OKAY. I'M  
5 COMING BACK IN ABOUT THE THING, I WAS TALKING TO MR. FORTNER.  
6 I DID CALL THAT NUMBER AGAIN, AND AGAIN THE PEOPLE OVER THERE  
7 DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO MR. FORTNER IS.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU HURT HIS SELF-ESTEEM LAST WEEK.

10

11 **WALTER BECKTEL:** THEY'VE NEVER HEARD OF HIS NAME. THEY SAID  
12 THEY WERE GOING TO CALL AROUND AND FIND OUT WHO THIS GUY IS. I  
13 DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING ON. YOU WANTED ME TO CALL THESE  
14 PEOPLE TWICE. THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MAYBE ONE OF YOUR STAFF, RAY, CAN MAKE A  
17 PERSONAL INTRODUCTION OF YOU TO WHOEVER THIS PERSON IS ON THE  
18 OTHER END OF THE LINE.

19

20 **RAY FORTNER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I'D BE HAPPY TO DO THAT MYSELF, BUT  
21 WE DID REFER THIS GENTLEMAN TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.  
22 MY UNDERSTANDING, HE DID TALK TO THEM ABOUT HIS CONCERNS AND  
23 THAT THEY ADVISED HIM TO FILE A POLICE REPORT. I DON'T KNOW  
24 WHETHER OR NOT HE'S DONE THAT, BUT APPARENTLY DOESN'T FIND  
25 THAT THAT IS SATISFACTORY.



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2 **WALTER BECKTEL:** THAT'S NOT WHAT I WAS TOLD ON THE PHONE.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WERE YOU TOLD TO FILE A POLICE REPORT?

5

6 **WALTER BECKTEL:** I WASN'T TOLD ANYTHING ON THE PHONE AT ALL.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

9

10 **WALTER BECKTEL:** I'VE TRIED TO GET THIS INFORMATION AROUND,  
11 TOO, BUT-- SOUNDS LIKE SOMEBODY'S GOT SOME RUMORS GOING, BUT  
12 WHAT I JUST GOT THROUGH TALKING TO THE GUY TODAY AND HE WANTS  
13 MY ADDRESS. I GAVE HIM MY ADDRESS, I TALKED TO SOME GUY NAMED  
14 MATT KRIZ-- IT'S A DIFFICULT NAME-- KRIZOWSKI, SOMETHING LIKE  
15 THAT, AND HE WANTS ME TO SEND HIM MY ADDRESS. HE'S GOING TO  
16 MAIL ME SOME INFORMATION OR SOMETHING, BUT NOBODY, AS FAR AS  
17 FILING A POLICE REPORT, NOBODY TALKED TO ME ABOUT THAT, NO.  
18 THE ISSUE IS INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY THEFT. I WAS TRYING TO TALK  
19 TO PEOPLE THAT-- THE ISSUE OF PEOPLE EAVESDROPPING AND  
20 WIRETAPPING, THAT KIND OF AN ISSUE LIKE THAT. I WAS TOLD BY--  
21 I WAS TOLD BY THE UNITED STATES PROSECUTOR TO TALK TO THE  
22 DISTRICT ATTORNEY, THAT THAT'S HIS JURISDICTION, BECAUSE THE  
23 KIND OF THING LIKE THAT GOES OVER COUNTY LINES AND STATE  
24 LINES, SO IT'S DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S KIND OF A REPORT I'VE GOT  
25 TO FILE WITH THEM. SO JUST HAVING SOMEBODY DOESN'T REALLY



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1 UNDERSTAND WHO. THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY GENERAL TOLD ME.

2 I'VE GOT THE LETTER IF YOU WANT TO SEE IT.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE DON'T NEED THE LETTER, BUT MR.  
5 FORTNER JUST REPORTED THAT THEY'VE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE  
6 D.A.'S OFFICE, WHO SAID THAT THEY TOLD YOU THAT YOU HAD TO  
7 FILE A POLICE REPORT AND THEN THEY'D LOOK AT IT. IS THAT  
8 CORRECT?

9

10 **RAY FORTNER:** THAT IS CORRECT, MR. CHAIRMAN. AND ADDITIONALLY,  
11 FOR MR. BECKTEL'S COMMENTS, IT SEEMS THAT HE IS BEING MAILED  
12 SOME INFORMATION BY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND THEY  
13 ARE IN COMMUNICATION, AND HE IS--

14

15 **WALTER BECKTEL:** THE INFORMATION, THEY ONLY WANTED ME TO CALL  
16 HIM. THAT'S THE ONLY INFORMATION I GOT FROM HIM. SO NOBODY IS  
17 ACTUALLY DOING ANYTHING.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, JUST RESPOND TO THE INFORMATION  
20 THAT THEY SEND YOU THEN. LEELA DUFFEE.

21

22 **WALTER BECKTEL:** WELL, THAT'S HOW I RESPONDED, AND WHEN I  
23 RESPONDED, I CALLED THEM AND THEN NOBODY-- NOBODY EVEN KNOWS  
24 WHO MR. FORTNER IS. THAT'S TWICE NOW. WHO AM I SUPPOSED TO  
25 TALK TO?





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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU CAN HAVE YOUR STAFF TALK TO HIM  
3 AGAIN. FIND OUT WHO HE IS TALKING TO. LET'S GET A CONFERENCE  
4 CALL GOING RIGHT OVER HERE.

5

6 **LELA DUFFEE:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN AND THE HONORABLE MARK  
7 RIDLEY-THOMAS. MY NAME IS MRS. LEELA DUFFEE. MY OCCUPATION IS  
8 X-RAY TECHNICIAN. MY MARITAL STATUS IS MILITARY WIDOW OF A  
9 MILITARY MARINE SOLDIER, AND MY I.D. WAS CANCELED BY MARTIN  
10 LUTHER KING SUPERVISOR, MR. CHARLES BOWLES, IN 1988. HE  
11 BROUGHT A MAN OUT OF PRISON AND GAVE HIM MY FULL I.D. AND MY  
12 HUSBAND'S NAME. HE'S GETTING PAID, MARTIN LUTHER KING  
13 HOSPITAL, AS AN X-RAY TECHNICIAN. HE CAN BARELY READ OR WRITE.  
14 I'VE BEEN COMING HERE FOR 19 YEARS, AND I SAW WHEN KENNY HAHN  
15 WAS IN A WHEELCHAIR. I CAME RIGHT-- THIS IS THE 20TH YEAR. I  
16 WANT MY TITLE, MY STATUS REVERSED, AND THEY POISONED ME WITH  
17 X-RAY. I HAVE RADIATION POISONING PLUS LEAD POISONING. I HAVE  
18 A TOXICOLOGY REPORT IN MY POSSESSION. IT'S CAUSED ME TO LOSE  
19 MY EYESIGHT NOW. OKAY? I WANT TO HEAR FROM SOMEBODY DOWN HERE.  
20 I WANTED HIM BROUGHT IN AND ARRESTED. HE'S LIVING FINE IN  
21 PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, OKAY? WITH A 6-BEDROOM HOME ON G.I.  
22 OWNED. I HAVE APPLIED TO ALL CIVIL SERVICE JOBS. IT'S BEEN A  
23 POLITICAL, MEDICAL, AND ALSO A MILITARY EXCHANGE AND IT'S  
24 ABUSE OF AUTHORITY AND POWER. IT'S A CRIMINAL OFFENSE. I SAW  
25 HIM RAPING A PATIENT AND HE WROTE ME UP FOR RAPING A PATIENT,



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1 STATUTORY RAPE, GAVE IT TO ME AND PUT IT ON ALL THE RECORDS. I  
2 DID NOT RAPE ANYBODY AND I WANT TO GET RESPECT AND HONOR, MY  
3 PAYCHECK RESTORED, BECAUSE I CANNOT LIVE WITHOUT MONEY. OKAY?  
4 PAYCHECK IS WHAT YOU HAVE TO LIVE ON, TO PAY FOR YOUR BASIC  
5 NEEDS AND ALL YOUR OTHER NEEDS. OKAY? I'M IN A SITUATION NOW,  
6 I'M IN A HOUSE. AND CHARLES BOWLES, HIS TEAM, WITH THIS PUNK,  
7 HE TRIED TO WHIP ME LAST WEEK. HE KICKED ME THREE MONTHS AGO.  
8 MY HIPS AND BACK IS STILL HURTING, OKAY? HE'S GETTING MONEY  
9 FROM THE MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION, AND IT WAS GIVEN HIM BY SOME  
10 OF THE SUPERVISORS. OKAY? MY PHONE NUMBER IS ON HERE. MY  
11 ADDRESS IS, TOO. MY POST OFFICE BOX. I'M TIRED. I SHOULD BE  
12 GETTING MORE HONOR AND RESPECT. THAN WHAT I'M GETTING. IT'S  
13 AGAINST THE LAW TO KICK A DOG OR WHIP A DOG. WELL, WHAT ABOUT  
14 ME? I GOT IT ALL THE WAY DOWN HERE. I JUST CAN'T TALK NO MORE.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IF YOU HAVE THAT, WE'LL MAKE IT A MATTER  
17 OF PUBLIC RECORD, WE'LL GET THAT AND I'LL HAVE-- WHICH  
18 DEPARTMENT WAS THAT?

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20 **LELA DUFFEE:** AND ALL THEY CALL-- MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION-- I  
21 DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT ANYMORE. I HAVE TO PAY MY BILLS. I'VE  
22 GOT FURNITURE IN STORAGE IN TWO STATES. HE'S LIVING LIKE A  
23 KING IN SIERRA MADRE WITH HIS FULL NAME ON HIS MAILBOX AND HIS  
24 PHONE BOOK, TOO, AND I SAW IT. HE COULD NOT READ OR WRITE WITH  
25 THE FOURTH GRADE.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MR. FORTNER, COULD YOU HAVE ONE OF YOUR  
3 ATTORNEYS TALK TO HER TO GET THE INFORMATION? THANK YOU. MR.  
4 MATLOCK?

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6 **LELA DUFFEE:** WHO? WHO IS IT?

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8 **JEFFREY MATLOCK:** I WAS HERE LAST WEEK ABOUT BEING HARASSED BY  
9 THE COUNTY POLICE. WE HAD WORKED SOMETHING OUT WHEN I LEFT  
10 HERE, AND NO SOONER THAN THE NEXT DAY I WAS HARASSED AGAIN.  
11 AND I WAS DELIVERING SOME FLOWERS INTO THE BUILDING AND THEY  
12 COME TO FIND OUT THAT THE BUILDING MANAGER, JESSE RODRIGUEZ,  
13 IS THE ONE WHO IS TELLING THE POLICE TO HARASS ME AND TO KEEP  
14 ME FROM DELIVERING FLOWERS IN THIS BUILDING, AND FROM BEING  
15 EVEN ON THE SIDEWALK ANYWHERE AROUND THIS BUILDING, AND I  
16 WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHO HIS SUPERIOR IS SO I CAN FILE A  
17 COMPLAINT AGAINST HIM FOR HARASSMENT. AND IT ALSO STATES THAT  
18 A.C.L.U. SAID THAT THE POLICE CANNOT SEARCH OR DETAIN ANYONE  
19 UNLESS THEY ARE COMMITTING A FELONY, AND THEY'VE BEEN DOING  
20 THAT TO ME JUST FROM WALKING AND UP DOWN THE STREET. SO ALL I  
21 WANTED TO DO IS TRY AND GET EVERYTHING STRAIGHT BECAUSE THIS  
22 IS MY LAST TIME COMING UP HERE.

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** TALK TO MR. ASHTON HERE. MR. RIVAS.

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1 **EDGARDO RIVAS:** YES, MR. KNABE, LET ME CORRECT. MY NAME IS NOT  
2 EDUARDO. THAT'S EDWARD. MY NAME IS EDGARDO.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GEE, I'M SORRY. I THOUGHT IT WAS AN "A."  
5 I'M SORRY.

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7 **EDGARDO RIVAS:** MR. \_\_\_\_\_ IS NOT HERE ANY LONGER. HE WROTE A  
8 LETTER FROM MR. ANTONOVICH, WE HAVE. MY MANY PROBLEMS IS NOT  
9 ONLY WITH THE MENTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE M.T.A. MY  
10 PROBLEMS ARE ALSO WITH THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THE  
11 BOARD OF DIRECTORS FROM M.T.A., THE L.A.P.D., THE SHERIFF WITH  
12 THE COUNTY POLICE. YOUR DELIVERY, AS MENTIONED ON THIS LETTER  
13 HERE, CONCERNING ANTONOVICH'S ACTIONS, ARE HARD TO ACCEPT.  
14 ANTONOVICH, KNABE, MOLINA, BURKE, AND YOU GAVE PELLMAN AT  
15 CARDINAL VALLEY, GARY ROBERTS, DIANA SPERINE, A FOLDER SITTING  
16 RIGHT THERE WITH MR. PELLMAN, HIS EX-BOSS AT CARNIVALI, DR.  
17 CHAINER, BRAZIL, SOUTHERN, O'DONNELL, AND STAFF TO PRACTICE  
18 WRONG MEDICAL MALPRACTICE. THIS IS THE DELIVERY THAT YOU GUYS  
19 HAVE GIVEN THESE INDIVIDUALS. MR. ANTONOVICH, YOU ARE HIS  
20 BOSS. MR. KNABE, YOU ARE HIS BOSS.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I KNOW HIM.

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24 **EDGARDO RIVAS:** OKAY. YOU KNOW HIM. MINE IS NOT A GAME. YOU  
25 HAVE TRIED-- THE CALIFORNIA STATE SENATE, WITH THE GOVERNOR,



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1 HAS TO PUT A STOP TO YOUR LIBERTIES. YOU HAD LIBERTY MANY  
2 YEARS AGO TO RESOLVE MY PROBLEMS AS A HUMAN BEING, NOT AN  
3 ANIMAL. YOU'RE PRACTICING TO KILL ME, SLOWLY INDUCING A HEART  
4 ATTACK. HE KNOWS MEDICAL, YOU KNOW MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY, YOU  
5 KNOW WHAT STRESS WOULD DO TO AN INDIVIDUAL. WHY FROM A HEART  
6 ATTACK? THERE'S SEVERAL CASES NATIONWIDE AND ONE CASE IN  
7 CALIFORNIA AND STILL LET THIS MAN ANTONOVICH, LOOK AT ME,  
8 PRACTICING MEDICAL-- ILLEGAL MEDICAL PRACTICE AND ILLEGAL  
9 PRACTICE. I AM A HUMAN BEING, MR. ANTONOVICH. I'M DEMANDING  
10 YOU OR ANTONOVICH TO ANSWER MY LETTER. HE IS OBLIGATED TO  
11 ANSWER MY LETTER BACK. I'D ALSO LIKE TO REMIND YOU, I'M STILL  
12 BEING FOLLOWED, CONTINUE BEING FOLLOWED BY SOME BLACK  
13 GENTLEMENS. AGAIN, I'D LIKE TO REMIND YOU THAT I HAVE A PISTOL  
14 AT HOME FOR MY SELF-DEFENSE. THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME I'VE  
15 TOLD YOU THIS, BUT YOU'RE PAYING THESE INDIVIDUALS TO PRACTICE  
16 THE WRONGDOING, AND HE KNOWS THAT. OKAY? I'D LIKE TO REMIND  
17 YOU THAT MY GREAT, GREAT, GREAT UNCLE FROM CENTRAL AMERICA, HE  
18 WAS BASQUE SPANISH LIKE ME, HIS NAME WAS GERALDO VARIUS. THE  
19 FIRST PRESIDENT OF EL SALVADOR, CENTRAL AMERICA, THAT'S WHO  
20 YOU'RE DEALING WITH, AND I EXPECT YOUR ANSWERS.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. MR. SACHS AND  
23 THEN KASEY COULTER. IS KASEY OUT THERE?

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1   **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS, AGAIN. MY THREE  
2   MINUTES, I WILL DEVOTE TOWARDS M.T.A. AND THE RUNNING OF THE  
3   M.T.A. BOARD AND TO INTRODUCE SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS TO  
4   SOME OF THE THINGS. YOU'VE HEARD DISCUSSIONS REGARDING AN  
5   ECONOMIC STIMULUS, AND MY CONCERNS, AS I MENTIONED, ON  
6   DUPLICATION, LET ME JUST BRING TO YOUR POINT, MAYBE I'M WRONG,  
7   I DON'T SEEM TO BE ABLE TO GET ANY ANSWERS, BUT LET'S JUST  
8   TALK LIKE ABOUT THE EXPO LINE. THE EXPO LINE WAS CREATED, THE  
9   CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY WAS CREATED BY THE STAT LEGISLATURE,  
10   FUNDED BY FUNDS FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, FROM THE COUNTY  
11   GOVERNMENT. LAST YEAR, THERE WAS FUNDING, ALMOST \$35 MILLION,  
12   DIRECTED TOWARDS THE MID CITY EXPO LINE. YOU MAYBE WERE NOT IN  
13   THE COUNTY, YOU WEREN'T ON THE M.T.A. BOARD WHEN THEY HAD  
14   HEARINGS REGARDING THE NAMING FOR THE EXPOSITION LINE  
15   CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. IT WENT FROM THE AQUA LINE, IT WAS  
16   CONSIDERATION BY SUPERVISOR-- BY COUNCILMAN PARKS FOR THE ROSE  
17   LINE, IT WAS QUITE A DISCUSSION. IT WAS FINALLY SETTLED ON THE  
18   EXPO LINE. WHERE THE MID-CITY EXPO LINE CAME FROM, NOBODY IS  
19   ABLE TO FIND OUT, BUT THEY GOT \$40 MILLION, WITHOUT ANY  
20   BACKGROUND INFORMATION TO IT. HOW DID THEY GET \$40 MILLION  
21   WHEN-- FROM THE START, FROM WHEN THE FUNDING WAS AGREED TO BY  
22   THE STATE, WHEN THE SUPERVISORS HAD TO GO UP TO SACRAMENTO TO  
23   ARGUE WITH THE GOVERNOR BECAUSE HE WAS GOING TO WITHHOLD THE  
24   FUNDING FOR IT, EXPO, EXPO, EXPO, EXPO, MID CITY EXPO LINE,  
25   AND THE MID CITY PART OF L.A. DOESN'T RUN NEAR THE EXPO LINE.



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1 THEN LET'S TALK ABOUT ALSO THE BLUE LINE. JUST QUICKLY.  
2 THERE'S BEEN QUITE A DISCUSSION REGARDING THE MID CITY-- THE  
3 DOWNTOWN CONNECTOR, WHICH, IN OTHER TERM, IS THE FINISHING  
4 PART FOR THE BLUE LINE. AS A MATTER OF FACT, WHEN THEY DID  
5 LOCAL HEARINGS REGARDING WHAT PEOPLE WANTED, ONE OF THE ITEMS  
6 BROUGHT UP WAS USING THE ORIGINAL-- THE ORIGINAL COURSE OF THE  
7 BLUE LINE. WELL, IF THE ORIGINAL COURSE OF THE BLUE LINE WAS  
8 TO RUN THROUGH DOWNTOWN AND IT WASN'T INCLUDED IN THE BLUE  
9 LINE FROM UNION STATION TO PASADENA, WHAT HAPPENED TO THE  
10 ORIGINAL BLUE LINE? IT'S THE THIRD PORTION, IT'S THE FILL-IN  
11 PORTION OF WHAT? INSTEAD OF BUILDING THE ORIGINAL BLUE LINE  
12 FROM LONG BEACH THROUGH TO UNION STATION, AS PROBABLY WAS  
13 CALLED FOR, THEY STOPPED IT AT 7TH AND METRO. WHAT HAPPENED?  
14 CAN ANYBODY EXPLAIN? NO. BUT WE HAVE A CALL FOR PROJECTS.  
15 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, YOUR ANSWERS AND YOUR ATTENTION.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MISS COULTER.

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19 **KASEY COULTER:** HELLO. FIRST I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR  
20 LETTING ME SPEAK TODAY. MY NAME IS KASEY COULTER AND I'M HERE  
21 TO FILE A COMPLAINT AGAINST SECTION 8 FOR UNFAIR TREATMENT AND  
22 TERMINATION OF MY ASSISTANCE. I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A COMPLAINT  
23 AGAINST THE ANALYST WHO IS OVER MY CASE ALSO. SHE WAS VERY  
24 RUDE, UNFAIR AND INCONSIDERATE. WHEN I SPOKE TO HER ON THE  
25 PHONE-- EXCUSE ME. WHEN I SPOKE TO HER ON THE PHONE TO LET HER





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1 KNOW THAT I WANTED TO APPEAL MY CASE, SHE EVEN TRIED TO  
2 DISCOURAGE ME FROM APPEALING BY TELLING ME IT WAS TOO LATE, SO  
3 I COME TO YOU TODAY TO ASK FOR YOUR HELP. I HAVEN'T DONE  
4 ANYTHING TO VIOLATE ANY SECTION 8 RULES OR LAWS AND I DON'T  
5 THINK I SHOULD BE TERMINATED FOR THINGS THAT ARE BEYOND MY  
6 CONTROL. I HAVE AN 8-YEAR-OLD SON WHO IS HERE WITH ME TODAY.  
7 IF OUR HOUSING IS TAKEN AWAY, WHAT WILL WE DO THEN? I HAVE NO  
8 FAMILY TO TAKE US IN. WILL WE BECOME ANOTHER STATISTIC ON SKID  
9 ROW? I'M HERE BEGGING FOR YOUR HELP TO REINSTATE MY HOUSING.  
10 IN CLOSING, MY SON AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
11 TIME, YOUR HELP AND LISTENING TO OUR CONCERNS. GOD BLESS YOU  
12 AND ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU LIVE IN GARDENA, IS THAT CORRECT?

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16 **KASEY COULTER:** YES, SIR.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AND SO THAT WOULD BE-- SUPERVISOR  
19 RIDLEY-THOMAS WILL HAVE ONE OF HIS STAFF MEMBERS WILL MEET YOU  
20 OVER HERE AND ANYONE ELSE RELATED TO EITHER COMMUNITY  
21 DEVELOPMENT OR WHATEVER AS IT RELATES TO SECTION 8, IF YOU CAN  
22 VISIT WITH THIS YOUNG LADY AS WELL, TOO, SO THEY WILL MEET  
23 WITH YOU AND TAKE DOWN APPROPRIATE INFORMATION. OBVIOUSLY WE  
24 CAN'T REINSTATE HERE. THAT'S NOT PART OF OUR RESPONSIBILITY,  
25 BUT MAYBE THERE'S A WAY TO GET YOU THROUGH THE SYSTEM HERE, SO



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1 COME RIGHT OVER HERE. THANK YOU. OKAY. I BELIEVE THAT  
2 CONCLUDES PUBLIC COMMENTS, AND IF YOU WILL READ US INTO CLOSED  
3 SESSION.

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5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,  
6 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL  
7 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM C.S.-1, CONFERENCE  
8 WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION AS INDICATED  
9 ON THE POSTED AGENDA. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE BOARD OF  
10 SUPERVISORS' NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY,  
11 JANUARY 27TH, 2009, AT 9:30 A.M.. THANK YOU.

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1 REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON JANUARY 13, 2009

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5 CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

6 (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9) Perez v.

7 County of Los Angeles, LASC Case No. PC 042122

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9 The case arises from alleged medical negligence at Olive View  
10 Medical Center. (09-0091)

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12 ACTION TAKEN: The Board authorized settlement of the lawsuit  
13 titled Perez v. County of Los Angeles. The substance of the  
14 substance of the settlement will be disclosed upon inquiry by  
15 any person as soon as the settlement becomes final following  
16 approval by all parties.

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18 The vote of the Board was unanimous with Supervisor  
19 Yaroslavsky being absent.

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